

New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)  
Meeting Minutes

**November 9, 2011**

Notices to announce the date, time and location of this meeting were sent out to the following news outlets: *Newark Star-Ledger*, *Asbury Park Press*, *The Times* (Trenton), *Bergen Record*, *The Press* (Pleasantville), and the *Courier-Post* (Cherry Hill)

**Attendees:**

Phil Lubitz	Jim Romer	Barbara Johnston
Herbert Kaldany	Donna Best	Patricia Dana
Greg Carlin	Marilyn Goldstein	Robin Weiss
Randy Thompson (Debra Wentz)	Carolyn Davis	Jacob Bucher
Angel Gambone	Damyanti Aurora	Jeff Beck (for Ana Guerra)
Marie Verna	Leah Barhash	Karen Carroll
Winifred Chain	Karen Vogel Romance	Helen Williams
Annette Wright (Phone)	Hazeline Pilgrim (Phone)	Maryanne Evanko (Phone)
Lisa Negron (Phone)	Harry Coe (Phone)	Brenda Pateman (Phone)

**DMHAS, DCBHS & DDD Staff:**

Roxanne Kennedy	Dona Sinton	Mark Kruszczyński
Geri Dietrich	Patricia Bernabe	

**Guests:**

Rachel Morgan (phone)	Louann Lukens	Peggy Rieff
Tim Klein		

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence/Review of Previous Minutes and Subcommittee Minutes
  - a. The Council reviewed and approved the Meeting Minutes from the October 12, 2011 Planning Council meeting. The PowerPoint presented at last month's meetings is attached. The following corrections were made:
    - i. Added Angel Gambone as an attendee by phone
    - ii. Added Chris Luca as an attendee representing Herbert Kaldany from the Department of Corrections.
  - b. The Olmstead Subcommittees Minutes from October 12, 2011 were handed out.
  
- II. Announcements
  - a. Current Request For Proposals (RFPs).
    - i. Multi- Cultural Institute
    - ii. Increase Intensive Outpatient Treatment Support Services in Sussex and Monmouth.
    - iii. Expansion of Residential Intensive Support Teams (RIST) and Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT).

- iv. Supportive Housing increase of 50 beds
    - v. Involuntary Outpatient Commitment (IOC) RFP in process
  - b. DCBHS has a new Deputy Director Morris Ehrinsberg who began today. He is from CHOP-Atlantic children's outpatient program
  - c. Jack Bucher announced that there is a public meeting to review the Supportive Housing Regulations on 11/10/11 at the DHS building in Trenton at 222 Warren Street.
  - d. The Department of Human Services Budget Forum will be held on 12/9. The DHS website has more information about location and times.
  - e. Marie Verna reported that UBHC was award by the Department of Defense funding to provide peer support to the National Guard. UBHC is looking for veterans with a history of Active Duty to work in the program. This is similar to Vet to Vet program.
  - f. Annette Wright announced that the Annual COMHCO Conference will be held on Saturday April 28, 2012 at Ocean Place.
  - g. Harry Coe is the recipient of the 2011 Allen Lunt Advocacy Award from the NJ Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association. This is a prestigious award for individuals in recovery.
- III. Update regarding the merger between DAS and DMHS –Helen Williams and Marie Verna
  - a. The Merger Advisory Committee will begin meeting again next week.
  - b. Information regarding the consumer, family and provider forums results has been posted on the website.
- IV. Adults Implementation Report Review – Roxanne Kennedy and Mark Kruszczyński
  - a. Reviewed the Narrative Sections of the Implementation Report. It was recommended to add the Planning Council activities of the Wellness and recovery Transformation Action Plan Subcommittee.
  - b. There are 7 National Outcome Measures for all States and 12-13 performance Indicators identified by the State for specific goals. The goal is to obtain 100%
  - c. Some of the outliers this year are:
    - i. ICMS 103%
    - ii. PACT Census 99.3%.
    - iii. Co-Occurring-Issues with Report 99.13%
    - iv. Non-emergency services(people who receive services in non-emergency settings) 95.51%
    - v. Ethnic minorities. 89.15%
    - vi. PATH-86.19%-providers may have been imputing information incorrectly.
    - vii. Training of providers - 86.93%
    - viii. PACT Access - 95%
    - ix. IMR 290% of food-issues with reporting in previous yrs.
  - d. The Consumer Perception of Care Survey has various indicators and

DMHAS is working on the inputting the data from the surveys that are due back on 11/20/11.

- a. Question: Marie Verna (MV) What is the method of getting info to Consumers? Self Help Centers or Provides? A. This is more global across programs and program elements with the exception of acute care and emergency services. Packets were sent to providers and are to be distributed throughout each program element.
- e. MV-How do we educate the Program Directors to distribute and understand how to administer the Survey? A: This survey has been expanded to include many program elements & program agencies. Consumers are expected to complete the survey independent of the provider. The goal of returned surveys is 8,800.
- f. Comment- Phil Lubitz (PL)-If the feds have comments, it is requested that these comments be shared with the Planning Council.

V. Child Implementation Report Review - Geri Dietrich

- a. A survey of family & care givers has been sent out and they have been returned. The surveys are being inputted into the software and the results will be calculated.
- b. In FY 2011, there were 38,939 children enrolled in DCBHS services.
- c. Achievements at DCBHS in FY 2011
  - i. Added 49 Residential placements - 20 were for youth with IQ below 70
  - ii. As of 6/30-9 youth remain in out of state placements, down from 22 youth in out of state placements last year.
    1. 4 are DYFS consumers waiting for permanency plans
    2. 4 are hearing impaired
    3. 1 is DDMI
  - iii. DCBHS and the Division of the Blind and Visually Impaired (DBV) have been meeting with the Katzenback School for the Deaf about creating specialized residential placements.
  - iv. Youth suicide plan and Hotline
  - v. With the \$250,000 savings achieved through the CMO, DCBHS was able to expand services in startup costs and outpatient services to 16 newly opened OP sites
  - vi. Youth Development Council has DCBHS leadership attending YDC meetings and YDC Leadership is part of the Planning Council.
  - vii. Quarterly sharing on website of DCBHS data in Care Management, Mobile Outreach & Out of Home Treatment
  - viii. DCBHS is continuing to assessment of the Unified Case Management pilot and will issue an RFP to expand UCM into 4 additional counties (counties have not been determine)
  - ix. Worked with Medicaid, DD and DMHAS to submit the Comprehensive Waiver to be able to provide additional services to children and families.

- x. Working with DYFS and DD to bring out of State placements back to NJ.
    - xi. Use of Evidence Based Practices (EBPs) increased FY 2011.
  - d. Of the 38,939 children served in FY 2011:
    - i. 32,320-met the federal criteria for children with Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED).
    - ii. There were 397 more Admissions to Children's Crisis Intervention Services (CCIS) in FY 11 and only 18% of these were readmitted in 30 days.
  - e. Exceeded targets in:
    - i. Mobile Response exceeded by 20% in 2011 or 12,706.
    - ii. 2,900 required Out of Home (OOH) placement.
  - f. Question Jim Romer (JR): Who and where are the # of kids coming into Psychiatric Emergency Room Services (PERS) tracked? A: the # should be included in SRC Data. SAMHSA is not asking for this number.
  - g. Comment: M.V. - Marie had the opportunity to attend The Center for Mental Health Services conference and it was made clear that the 18-24 year olds prefer to be called "emerging adults". A program called Cafe TA in Florida is a good program to look at for services for emerging adults. This program had a dedicated funding stream to work with the 2 systems for emerging adults.
- VI. The recommendation for approval of the Implementation Report was approved by the Planning Council. A letter will be sent to SAMHSA noting this.
- VII. Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and Synar Report Update- Dona Sinton
  - a. SAPT BG Implementation Report. An overview of the components of the report is included in the Minutes, along with the Web BGAS login and Dona briefly described the associated Synar report, which includes tobacco retailer inspections that are conducted by youth to ascertain if NJ meets the mandated violation rate of 20% or below. NJ's rate for this year is 10.2%..
- VIII. Recommendations for future agenda items from Planning Council members:
  - a. Angel Gambone: Dispute Resolution
  - b. Carolyn Davis: overview of community services
  - c. Marilyn Goldstein: What is happening to the geriatric consumers leaving HPH, how are they faring in the new settings and the follow up component? Jim Romer: Emergency Services will be tracking Geriatrics.
  - d. Herbert Kaldany: Information regarding Electronic Health Records
  - e. Robin Weiss: Department of Community Affairs to speak about Residential Health Care Facilities (RHCF) & Boarding Homes (BH) in the State. The SHANJ.org website addresses BH and RHCF Resources.
  - f. Karen Carroll: Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) services and update

- g. Pat Dana: Complaints of Partial Care of individuals being sent to screening and not admitted.
- h. Leah Barhash-Understanding the Shelter System i.e. people discharged from hospital and need a letter from Welfare and county ID and are homeless. Perhaps Cathy Boland or Ilene Palena can present about the PATH programs.
- i. Donna Best-Clearinghouse or information about services available. Perhaps MHANJ Helpline could present.
- j. MV: 1. Explain difference of the Case Management Services and Peer Navigators. 2. How are peer specialists going to be integrated into the system? 3. DCF-emerging adults- Who is identified to work with this population? Perhaps the Office of Adolescent Services.
- k. Louann Lukens: Update regarding the State Incentive Grant (SIG) grant
- l. Barbara Johnston: Understanding of how programs are working both quantitative and qualitative. Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC) - how are people using health services.
- m. Jim Romer: 1. States obligation to 24hr + standard to move out of ED and PERS -perhaps John V. could update. 2. Peer specialists are not required in the screening regulations. Recommendations to DMHAS to have them in Regs. 3. Employment so a consumer does not lose benefits - NJ Work Ability-one stop shop in each County.
- n. Winifred Chain: 1. Someone to talk about JJC and 2- Community resources
- o. Tim Klein: Mental health and addictions housing in one location. Also, the lack of services for men with dependent children.
- p. Roxanne Kennedy: It is important to get to know each other's specialties and expertise, perhaps at one designated meeting or a few individual's each meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

MHPC General Meeting: 12/14/11, **10:00am-12:00** noon, Room 336