

New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2012

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:

Jacob Bucher	Winifred Chain	Lisa Negron (phone)
Karen Vogel Romance	Annette Wright (Phone)	Damyanti Aurora
Donna Best	Karen Carroll	Patricia Dana
Angel Gambone (Phone)	Marilyn Goldstein (Phone)	Joseph Gutstein
Renee Ingram (Phone)	Michael Ippoliti	Phil Lubitz
Christopher Lucca	Tracy Maksel	Linda Meyer
Joanne Oppelt	John Pellicane	Tom Pyle
Regina Sessoms (Phone)	Robin Weiss	Robin Crist
Marie Verna	Linda Kornacki Kuhns (Phone)	

DMHAS, DCBHS & DDD Staff:

Robert Culleton	Donna Migliorino	Dona Sinton
Mark Kruszczyński	Yunqing Li	Suzanne Borys
Lily Zhu	Geri Dietrich (phone)	

Guests:

Kim Reilly	Gregory Karlin	Harry Coe (Phone)
Irina Stuchinsky	Rachel Morgan (Phone)	

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence/Review of Previous Minutes
 - A. Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved with edits from Marie Verna
- II. Announcements
 - A. Courtney Clarke, the past chair of the Mental Health Planning Council who passed away in November was warmly remembered.
- III. County Presentation - Tracy Maksel and Kim Reilly
 - A. In April 2012 the county mental health administrators association and the county drug and alcohol directors association presented a joint paper regarding the development of a managed care system in the state
 - B. They presented a joint PowerPoint that discussed the current and proposed roles of county government in the new ASO/MBHO structure
 1. Current roles for mental health administrators include ombudsman, planning, needs assessment, oversight, convening boards, acute care system review,

contract monitoring, family/consumer input, and liaison. They alcohol and drug directors provide an administrative, communication and collaboration, leadership and community expert role.

2. While mental health has no prescribed process for planning, the drug and alcohol directors do.
 3. Both county groups are investors in the system of care for residents with behavioral health needs, but they operate under different laws/regulations
 4. The PowerPoint can be viewed at http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ocdhs/mhb/docs/mhas_adads.pdf
- C. Questions/Comments/Answers
1. C – Bob Culleton – Once you break up the large chart into smaller ones can you share it with me? A. Absolutely
 2. C- Suzanne Borys – We are trying to work on more integration between the Alcohol and drug directors and the mental health administrators
 3. Q. Tom Pyle – When do you suspect the county services will be collapsed? It seems like you need help to harmonize the regulations since they are different. A. Duplication does rest with the laws and regulations. Duplication of funding isn't necessarily true because funding is based on needs assessments.
 4. C – John Pellicane- As the Alcohol and Drug Coordinator in Camden I can say that there aren't enough resources in the first place and we run out in 6 months.
 5. C- Tracy Maksell – The need is different in every county.
 6. C- Joe Gutstein – How do you see a system of quality improvement that will tell freeholders that the funding is working? We need to show people are getting better. A – Each county has a systems review committee that has data.
 7. C- Suzanne Borys- On the addictions side we have NOMS and provider performance reports issued twice a year and we are trying to do that now on the mental health side by adding a mental health section to the household survey.
 8. Q- Joanne Oppelt – Since you are trying to incorporate two systems, how can I help you integrate so we are working together to help you not operate in silos? A – Some things can be changed easier than others and we're not ready for consumers to go the legislature just yet.
 9. C- Chris Lucca- You're the experts and can help the regulations to be integrated and point of access to be simplified.
 10. C- Robin Weiss – For co-occurring disorders consumers, once the ASO is in effect can they go to the ASO as a point of entry? A – There will be no wrong door.

IV. Block Grant Behavioral Health Reports – Donna Migliorino, Dona Sinton

- A. Our mental health and substance abuse behavioral health reports are available on the SAMHSA BGAS website at <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/>
 1. The user name is citizennj and the password is citizen.
- B. Donna introduced the mental health staff who work on the Adult Mental Health Block Grant.
 1. The report was submitted by the due date.
 2. Goals were submitted with a status of in progress and we sent a word document with a narrative attached.

3. Donna gave an overview of the priorities as addressed in the report.
 4. We did get an extension until December 31, 2012 on our consumer perception of care information.
 5. NASHMPD already sent back to us their questions on our tables and our responses have been submitted so they should be posted shortly.
 6. Q – Lisa Negron – How is the survey response so far? A – 1,014 as of today out of 6,405 (15.8%).
- C. Geri Dietrich was not available to present the Children’s System of Care report in regard to the Mental Health Block Grant.
- D. Dona provided an overview of the Substance Abuse Behavioral Health report
1. It was submitted online in advance of the due date.
 2. We do need to make a change to one of our priorities regarding TB testing and we will work with our project officer to amend that priority to something more meaningful.
 3. There was also talk of amending our priority regarding adolescents as the population will no longer be under our purview, but no decision has been made yet.
 4. We also have posted online our Synar report, which is our federally mandated report that details our retailer violation rate for sale of tobacco products to youth. This report is due annually by 12/31 and is considered part of our substance abuse block grant. If we do not maintain under 20% retailer violation rate, our block grant could be reduced by up to 40%. Our rate this year is good at 7.7%.
- V. Planning Activities and Recommendations – Phil Lubitz
- A. The Advocacy Subcommittee will meet at noon on 1/9/13 in room 3052. Membership and block Grant will meet again in February at 9 am.
 - B. We will invite the new Director of the Children’s System of Care (Elizabeth Manley) to the February 2013 meeting.
 - C. We would like a presentation on the makeup of the various streams that fund mental health in the State.
 - D. We would like to get a presentation on the various workforce development initiatives that exist currently through the Division.
 - E. Would like to discuss structuring a subcommittee that could look at outcomes
 - F. Would like to look at investments, business models, outcomes and value of the services.
 - G. Update on the Hagedorn study of all discharges.

Next Meeting on 1/9/13
10:00-12:00, Room 3000 at 222 South Warren Street