

New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 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	Lisa Negron	Karen Vogel Romance
Helen Williams	Donna Best	Patricia Dana
Eileen Doremus (Phone)	Maryanne Evanko	Angel Gambone
Joseph Gutstein (Phone)	Barbara Johnston	Gail Mesavitz
Linda Kornacki-Kuhns (Phone)	Gail Levinson	Phil Lubitz
Christopher Lucca	Linda Meyer	Joanne Oppelt
Tom Pyle	Robin Weiss	Shauna Moses

DMHAS, DCBHS & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Robert Culleton (phone)	Dona Sinton
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Guests:

Connie Greene (phone)	Gregory Karlin	Louan Lukens
Irina Stuchinsky	Harry Coe (Phone)	Peggy Reiff
Rachel Morgan (Phone)		

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence/Review of Previous Minutes
 - A. Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved with an edit on page 3 from ‘we’ to ‘the’ and adding in Harry Coe as being in attendance via the phone
- II. Announcements
 - A. The Comprehensive Waiver was approved on October 1, 2012. Some stakeholder group meetings will begin to reconvene, starting with fiscal
 - B. Mental Health Awareness Week and Month activities in September and October have occurred, including open houses at the state hospitals
 - C. The NAMI NJ conference is on December 8, 2012 and the theme is “Recovery, Resilience and Wellness across the Lifespan”
 - D. The membership and Block Grant subcommittees are encouraging volunteers. The groups meet at 9 am prior to the general meeting in room 3052.
 - E. For those who are interested, please view our mental health and substance abuse behavioral health reports that are due by December 1, 2012 on the SAMHSA BGAS website at <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/>
 1. The user name is citizennj and the password is citizen.
- III. Ethics Presentation – Margaret Cotoia

- A. In her role with the State Ethics Commission, Ms. Cotoia gave a PowerPoint overview on ethics rules for special state officers as part of this Planning Council
 - B. These rules apply to food at events, conflicts of interest, gifts and other things that could be seen as a perception of a conflict of interest.
- IV. Advocacy Subcommittee – Louann Lukens
- A. Discussed their last meeting in September and the draft letters that were included in the members packets with their suggestion on how to spend the new block grant funds and another letter addressing consumers who are brought to screening centers
 - B. We are still hoping to have a representative from DCA come to the subcommittee to discuss boarding homes
- V. Planning Activities and Recommendations – Phil Lubitz
- A. The November meeting will focus on State/County planning, and provide an update on the Olmstead Policy Academy and Block Grant Reports that are due in December
 - B. The membership and Block Grant subcommittees will meet at 9 am on 11/14/12 and each month thereafter in room 3052
 - C. The Advocacy Subcommittee will meet at noon on 11/14/12 in room 3052

Next Meeting on 11/14/12
10:00-12:00, Room 3000 at 222 South Warren Street