New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC) Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2013 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Jack BucherLisa Negron (p)Karen Vogel RomanceHelen WilliamsDamyanti AuroraPat DanaRon DeFeo (p)Eileen Doremus (p)Angel Gambone (p)Connie GreeneJoe Gutstein (p)Phil LubitzBruce Blumenthal (DOC - p)Gail MesavitzPat Matthews

Bruce Blumenthal (DOC - p)

Michelle Madiou

Tom Pyle

Robin Weiss

Cail Mesavitz

Linda Meyer (p)

Regina Sessoms (p)

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Ellen Taner

Randy Thompson

Marie Verna

DMHAS, CSOC & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys Geri Dietrich Mark Kruszczynski

Donna Migliorino Dona Sinton

Guests:

Rachel Morgan (p) Harry Coe (phone) Greg Karlin
Irina Stuchinsky Virginia Erazo Jeannette Palacios
Alric Warren Joseph Hadzon Frank Picaro
Lawrence Steele Rodney Belle Greg Valent

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence/Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - A. Minutes for last meeting approved with amendments to 1c to read retired not resigned and 1b to read resigned not retired
 - B. Package of handouts includes:
 - i. information on multiple recovery walks taking place in September during Addiction Recovery Month
 - ii. Letter we sent from Council to Governor on the parity for State Health Benefits Plan and State Education Health Benefits Plan
 - iii. Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ Conference
 - iv. Good Samaritan Law
- II. Olmstead Advisory Committee Report Donna Migliorino
 - A. Top three discharges into the community are to: private residences, supportive housing, and group homes whereas in FY 2010 and 2011 supportive housing did not make the top three but RHCFs did; now supportive housing has become one of the top placements.
 - B. Minutes from the last meeting are in your packets as well for your reference
 - C. Questions/Comments
 - i. Q. Regina Sessoms How many have comeback who have been discharged? A. Donna I don't have that with me, but readmission data is made available in the URS data tables.

- ii. Q. Marie Verna– Isn't that something that the ASO will be measuring too? A. Donna I am not sure of the deliverables for the ASO as I have not seen the RFP.
- iii. Q. Marie Is Marti's contract up soon? A. Donna Yes; we're in our last year of the settlement
- iv. C. Phil Lubitz Next time the Olmstead committee gets together we should discuss this more.

III. Block Grant Application Overview – Donna Migliorino

- A. Donna reviewed various sections of the BG
 - i. State information is complete
 - ii. Section X -The 3% is not in the federal budget at the moment but it is anticipated that two years from now it will most likely be required
 - iii. Section N.2 is the 5% for MHBG and we responded how we previously did an RFP for these services

B. Questions/Comments

- i. Q. Tom Pyle It says the decision is made if its Block Grant or state funds after the award is made. So its an administrative decision? A. Donna The RFP is written that it's BG eligible services that are being RFP'd which enables the distinction to be made during the contracts.
- ii. C. Suzanne The Block Grant is more integrated now which is good
- iii. C. Geri- a lot of items are just updating from the previous document whereas others are brand new documents to be created on the children's' side. We are only going to include SED, Dual Diagnosis with mental or behavioral health diagnosis, and SUD.
- iv. Q. Ellen Taner Where is prevention in this plan? A. Suzanne it is still with DMHAS for SUD services. Section N.1 is the reference.
- v. C. Marie Glad to hear that prevention is still with DMHAS. Prevention is half the battle.
- vi. C. Suzanne A challenge in this application is that it addresses more than just Block Grant dollars. For example, the Intoxicated Driving Program is included and that has only State funding.
- vii. C. Tom Pyle This document is a go to reference and planning map. I'm glad it has a broad preview. Let's try in the document to be clear what money is going to exactly which programs.
- viii. Q./C. Connie There's a lot of silos on the Planning Council still. Can we use this as an educational forum to bring us all into the same silo?
- ix. C. John It's an educational perspective. We need to know where all the funding streams are going.
- x. C. Suzanne This document is a great learning tool for everyone.
- xi. C. Jack There's many funding sources that go into housing.
- xii. C. Regina People who are discharged into supportive housing are left on their own since there isn't any drug and alcohol counseling included. It needs to be more than a bed and include other services for substance use disorders too. A. Suzanne on the substance use disorder side we only have 62 slots but they are wrapped around an intensive Supportive

- Housing team. The beds are in Camden and Atlantic City. The client is not kicked out for using. A. Donna On mental health side there are support services that consumers receive.
- xiii. C. Phil All counselors need to be competent in co-occurring disorders.
- xiv. C. Marie That's why I keep asking about the WFD Plan.
- xv. C. Robin The Division is developing a certification billable to Medicaid for peers specializing in addictions.
- xvi. C. Marie The Block Grant is a useful teaching tool. The strategic plan we helped to participate in will also be useful and the Planning Council can help with that document development as well.
- xvii. Q. Phil Is there a point person at DMHAS who can talk to us about our plans for the future to enhance our workforce for co-occurring disorders? We should have that person come and present to us. A. Dona I'll facilitate that with Valerie's office.
- C. Fiscal tables for substance abuse aren't ready until Friday. The council discussed how to vote on a letter of support for the Block Grant. There was much concern by members that substance abuse fiscal tables were not ready. The fiscal set-aside of 3% for enrollment into Medicaid (approximately \$1.4 million on substance abuse block grant is substantial). Members decided that they could reserve the right to send another letter after the letter of support.
 - i. Brian Moss, deputy chief financial officer, came into the meeting to discuss the draft tables.
 - ii. The tables were an issue because of the sequester amount that is required. DMHAS just heard on July 31, 2013 to use \$44,113,252 in the application amount for the substance abuse block grant.
 - iii. With the underutilization of slots of substance abuse agencies the sequester amount and carry forward money handled the cuts. Tables will be available by Friday and since each table impacts the other it isn't possible to provide them individually as the rest are being finished.
- D. A telephone call will take place on Monday August 19, 2013 to review Substance Abuse tables. Use the same call in number and access code as you do for this meeting. Dona will send out the fiscal tables on Friday to members to review prior to the call.
- E. C. Tom The process in the future should allow more time for PC to review
- F. C. Donna Unfortunately historically SAMHSA never finalizes the guidance until late summer which was no different this year. In addition, they continued to make instructional changes monthly which made this an even more difficult process this year.
- IV. Assessing Your Behavioral Health IQ Phil Lubitz
 - A. Review the document at home in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.
- V. Planning Activities/Recommendations
 - A. A Bylaws Committee, when convened, should include an Executive Committee for time sensitive issues such as needing a letter from the Planning Council.
 - B. Dona to do nameplates for members

- C. Presentation/Discussion Requests for /by the following:
 - i. PerformCare
 - ii. Workforce Development to get a dual diagnosis competent workforce
 - iii. Supportive Housing Association
 - iv. Managed care move and how to use Block Grant (i.e., funding for stigma reduction, incentivize use of consumer providers, using leftover dollars to integrate the system of care, special population to enhance integration of youth and adult programs)
 - v. Traumatic Loss Coalition (October)
 - vi. Hagedorn money reinvestment
 - vii. Connie will report on Hope and Healing in September Meeting

Next General Membership Meeting 9/11/13 - 10:00-12:00, Room 3000

The Advocacy Subcommittee will meet at noon on 9/11/13 in room 3052

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