

New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)
Meeting Minutes

Room 3000, 222 South Warren Street, Trenton, NJ

May 8, 2013
10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Phil Lubitz	Jack Bucher	Angel Gambone
Shauna Moses	Marilyn Goldstein (phone)	Pat Dana
Joseph Gutstein (phone)	Barbara Johnston (phone)	Gail Levinson
Lisa Negron (phone)	Christopher Lucca	Linda Meyer
Joanne Oppelt	John Pellicane	Tom Pyle (Phone)
Robin Weiss	Regina Sessoms (phone)	Marie Verna
Annette Wright (phone)	Helen Williams (phone)	Karen-Vogel Romance
Karen Carroll	Connie Greene	Donna Hallworth
Ellen Taner		

DMHAS, DCBHS & DDD Staff:

Suzanne Borys	Robert Culleton	Geri Dietrich
Donna Migliorino	Mark Kruszczyński	Ilene Palena
Joseph Redmond		

Guests:

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

Note: At the May 8th 2013 meeting, the sign-in sheet did not completely circulate across the room, therefore this attendance list may be incomplete.

I. Administrative

- A. Ethics Training
 - 1. Voting members of the MHPC (and state employees) must receive periodic NJ State Ethics Training once every three years.
 - 2. At the MHPC Meeting on October 2012, a state ethics training was conducted - all those present at that meeting met the training requirement. The list of those in attendance will be sent out.
- B. Donna Migliorino announced her upcoming leave of absence in order to care for

an ailing family member.

- C. Phil Lubitz announced the Press Coverage on National Public Radio's report (<http://apps.npr.org/unfit-for-work/>) regarding changes to federal disability programs; and rebuttal made by former Commissioners of the US Social Security Administration (<http://nossr.org/open-letter-former-commissioners-social-security-administration>)
- D. Minutes from April's MHPC meeting were approved, with minor corrections from Irina Stuchinsky and Rachel Morgan.
- E. Provider Performance Reports – (Joseph Redmond, Mark Kruszczyński, and Donna Migliorino) - The Systems Review Committee (SRC) Database & Provider Performance Reports (PPRs) for Designated Screening Centers (DSCs) are adjunct datasets of one another. The SRC DSC report is a state-mandated tool for helping each county coordinate acute psychiatric care resources. These Excel spreadsheet reports contain 73 data elements, and are submitted to DMHAS by 23 DSCs on a monthly basis. This data is aggregated on regional and statewide levels so that DMHAS, and the providers themselves, can view their outcomes relative to statewide and regional benchmarks. The PPR for the DSCs is a synthesis of SRC DSC data, Quarterly Contract Monitoring Report (QCMR) outcomes information and QCMR Annex B fiscal data. The PPR DSC dataset for each provider contains 18 data elements arranged in the domains of volume, quality and cost.

Joe reviewed the regional and statewide data with the members and discussed how the providers and the regional and program staff have found this very helpful.

DMHAS has developed the DSC PPR as its first report. It is currently developing PPRs for other programs. Donna indicated that the programs that it will be developing programs for next are Supportive Housing, EISS, and PACT.

- F. Advocacy Subcommittee (Louann Lukens) – a request has been made for the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to inform DMHAS or copy them on the letter that they send to the County Board of Social Services, when a boarding home is closed (or cited for violations) by DCA. DCA has the authority to stop admissions to RHCFs that have violations. They provide notices to the Board of Social Services. It is nice to see that DMHAS is beginning to be involved.
 - 1. Upcoming meeting (5/14/13) with DMHAS' Southern Region Advisory Council, Board of Social Services, and Mental Health Administrator, as well as Lenore Velez-Rigney from DMHAS.
 - 2. The topic of training/re-training also needs to be addressed. Robin Weiss will also be at the meeting on 5/14/13 and will also be able to share at the next meeting.

- G. Event Announcement: “Patients for Parity”, 6/11/13, Stockton State College, 6 – 8 pm.
 - 1. NJ State Workers do not have mental health parity.
 - 2. Mental Health Parity is still under legislative review by NJ Legislature.

- H. Celebration for Jack Bucher; The Governing Board of Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Inc. will be having a luncheon on Friday June 7, from 12pm-4pm, at the Sheraton Eatontown Hotel’s Meridian Ballroom to honor the work of Jack Bucher. The ticket cost per person is \$40, and consumers will be only charged \$15 to attend. Contact Email Ginny Chan at gchan@cspnj.org, or call 732-780-1175 x2400.

- I. Membership Subcommittee (Jack Bucher): Refinement of MHPC Membership; requirements are to be prioritized, updated and addressed.

- J. MHPC Nominating Subcommittee (Marilyn Goldstein)
 - 1. Nominating Subcommittee recently convened and requested a slate with Phil Lubitz to be nominated as chair, and Jack Bucher to be nominated as Vice-chair.
 - 2. Vote to be held in June/July 2013 meeting.
 - 3. Mark to check the By-laws and will be discussed at next meeting.
 - 4. Suggestion of Phil Lubitz to have the MHPC’s by-laws looked at by a Subcommittee.
 - 5. Suggestion made to possibly change the MHPC by-laws to institutionalize the presence of a substance abuse representative as co-chair.
 - a. MHPC will look at suggestions made by Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) to provide technical assistance to the MHPC to transition more to a behavioral health planning council.
 - b. DMHAS recently unsuccessfully applied for a grant for technical assistance for mental health planning councils to transform to Behavioral Health Planning Councils. D. Migliorino has brought a copy of our grant application for general inspection for those who wish to read/see the application as requested at last meeting.

II. Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment Block Grant Application (Donna Migliorino)

- A. To view the current progress on the 2014-2015 Combined BG Application go to <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/> User name: **citizennj** Password: **citizen**

- B. On 5/9/13 SAMHSA/NASMHPD will have teleconference to provide additional Guidance due to recent changes to block grant
 - 1. 5% Block Grant set-aside for Prevention (for Mental Health), and 3% set aside for enrollment and eligibility for Mental Health and Substance Abuse).

- C. Planning Steps 1, 2, 3/4 will be revised and edited further; information hasn’t

been uploaded yet. Planning Steps 3 and 4 are done with the exception of one sentence that Mark will be adding due to a recent change.

- D. About 18 sections have been uploaded so far, including:
 - 1. Planning Council Tables uploaded.
 - 2. Program Integrity Tables/Plan uploaded.
 - 3. Use of evidence for purchasing decisions.
 - 4. Trauma/trauma-informed care uploaded.
 - 5. Health Disparities based on demographics.
 - 6. Prevention (for SA & MH) has been uploaded; this may be revised as a result of new requirements for set-asides.
 - 7. Children and Adolescents
 - 8. Data & IT (Section Q) uploaded.

- F. Sections to be uploaded, including:
 - 1. Section G (Quality), contains 12 indicators of mental health barometers: 4 for MH, 4 for SA, and 4 for the children's system.
 - a. Challenge of SAMHSA wanting additional indicators when they are already getting 12 barometers. SAMHSA wants states to do 12 barometers plus three state indicators.
 - 2. We are waiting for responses from Housing Authority before completing two questions as well as the substance abuse section.

- G. Step 1 is the primary section of interest for planning council members—it looks like what the original Block Grant format looked like.

- H. Concerns about the State giving the MHPC ample time to review the BG application. Many delays are regarding the desire of the State to compose a truly merged MH/SA Block Grant Application, rather than a bifurcated document.

- I. Goal will be to have this completed in draft form in early June 2013.

- J. Children's System of Care (CSOC) stated that their application sections are completed.

- J. Data Infrastructure Grant (DIGs) will cease after September 2013.

- K. The MHPC requested two weeks to review the BG—with the goal to vote/approve the plan in the July 2013 meeting of the Planning Council.

- L. P. Lubitz requests that DMHAS to possibly provide the Planning Council with the majority of what DMHAS has uploaded (even if it is not complete).

- M. Question: Is the BG's deadline of 9/1/13 reasonable? Answer: Yes.

- N. Donna had the Block Grant performance reports prepared and ready to distribute but due to the length of the meeting, we will review at a future meeting.
- IV. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH): (Ilene Palena)
- A. See handout.
 - B. 1:3 state:federal funding mix.
 - C. The number of veterans served by PATH is increasing.
 - D. On 6/6/13 there is a PATH/veterans meeting scheduled.
 - E. Questions:
 - 1. How many residents of “Tent City” in Ocean County have taken advantage of DMHAS housing services? (Lisa Negron)
 - 2. What effect did Hurricane Sandy have on the homeless SMI? (Phil Lubitz).
 - a. Hurricane Sandy did have a significant effect on Homeless SMI.
 - b. Some motels and rooming housing might not be rebuilt.
 - 3. Recommendation that the MHPC supports the Special Needs Housing Committee (Marie Verna).
- V. Supportive Housing Association of NJ (SHA NJ) Update” (Gail Levinson, SHA NJ).
- A. Municipal Housing Trust Fund: \$150M from developers that goes to affordable housing. If the funds aren’t spent within specified timeframes then that money must be returned to the state.
 - 1. SHA NJ wants to know if there are any projects for affordable housing that are in the planning stages, not-complete or ‘in the pipeline’.
 - 2. Contact Gail Levinson at Gail.Levinson@SHANJ.org if you have any relevant news to share.
 - 3. Relevant information is to be shared with the NJ State legislature, and is currently being received with the help of NJAMHAA.
- VI. Future Meetings & Concluding Announcements
- A. The next General Membership Meeting on 6/12/13- 10:00-12:00, Room 3000
 - B. Roxanne Kennedy, (NJ Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services) will discuss Medicaid Expansion.
 - 1. NJ has accepted participation in Medicaid expansion.
 - 2. Currently single individuals earning 133% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) qualify for Medicaid.
 - C. MHPC By-laws will be reviewed.
 - D. Mental Health Income Eligibility/ Serious Mental Illness (MHIE/SMI) Survey is

to be administered to non-acute, community-based mental health providers in June 2013—to be conducted in June, July and August of 2013

1. <http://njsams.rutgers.edu/mhiesurvey/>

- E. Request made for Outcomes Subcommittee to monitor outcomes for consumers and to provide transparency (M. Verna, T. Pyle).
- F. Strategic Planning for DMHAS—the Planning Council would like an update.
- G. Meeting Adjourned.

- The Membership Subcommittee will meet at 9 am on 6/12/13 in room 3052.
- The Block Grant Subcommittee will meet at 9:30 am on 6/12/13 in room 3052.
- The Advocacy Subcommittee will meet at noon on 6/12/13 in room 3052.
- The Olmstead Advisory Subcommittee will meet at noon on 7/12/13 in room 3052.