GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

CHARTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS/EMERGENCY SERVICES PLANNING WORKGROUP

Name Of This Group.

Crisis Emergency Services Planning Workgroup

Background Information/Context To The Formation Of This Group.

The Department of Mental Health has a need to evaluate its current model for delivering crisis/emergency services and develop a comprehensive plan for the delivery of such services.

The Mission (Purpose) Of This Group.

The Director has charged this workgroup with reviewing the current system for delivering crisis/emergency services and developing a comprehensive plan for delivery of such services .

This Group's Core Functions.

1.   To review the current system for delivering crisis/emergency services, including the statutes, regulations, policies and procedures governing the process.

2.   To review other models for the delivery of crisis/emergency services in urban areas.

3.   To review models for financing the delivery of crisis/emergency services in urban areas.

4.   To develop a comprehensive plan for the delivery of crisis/emergency services in the District of Columbia.

The Vision of This Group's Mission Accomplished.

A comprehensive plan for the delivery of crisis/emergency services in the District of Columbia is completed.

Stakeholder Assessment.

1.	*Mental health consumers and families*

2.	*District agencies -- MPD, EMS, DOH/APRA, DHS/APS, CFSA, DYRS, DCPS*

3.	*Community hospitals and emergency rooms*

4.	*Community-based providers*

5.	*Superior Court*

For each key stakeholder/stakeholder group, what is the 'win' from the work of this group?

- *Timely and quality services for consumers and families*

- *Improved efficiencies for District agencies*

Macro Work Process Plan.

What are the major phases of the work to be accomplished?

1.	*Kickoff Meeting -- Review where we are*

2.	*Meeting 2 -- Review other system models*

3.	*Meeting 3 -- Discuss and agree upon range of desired services*

4.	*Meeting 4 -- Discuss and agree upon structure of providers*

5.	*Meeting 5 -- Discuss and agree upon funding options*

6.	*Meeting 6 -- Identify structural barriers to implementing desired system changes (legislative, regulatory, policy, etc.)*

7.	*Meeting 7 -- Finalize draft report*

When will this group's work begin?

February 7, 2007 from 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. at DMH - Kickoff Meeting.

When will the work of this group be completed?

Phase 1 -- Draft Comprehensive Plan for Adults -- May 31, 2007
Phase 2- Draft Comprehensive Plan for Children-To be determined

<u>Desired Outcomes Expected From This Group</u>.

Completion of comprehensive plan for delivery of crisis/emergency services, inclusive of budget, funding strategy and implementation plan.

When will each desired outcome be accomplished?

First report due by May 31, 2006

<u>Sponsoring Authority For This Group</u>.

What person, persons, or body is commissioning this group?

The Director, DMH

To whom is this group accountable for its results?

The Director, DMH

<u>Scope of and Constraints To This Group's Authority</u>.

What is the scope of this group's authority?

Applicable DC Statutes, Rules and Regulations

What decisions are within the purview of this group?

Design recommendations.

<u>Group Membership</u>.

Who are the core group members?

See attached list of invited group members.

What criteria govern ongoing and additional membership?

If a core member position turns over or becomes vacant, the appropriate sponsoring authority will replace the member in a timely manner.

Group Member Roles And Responsibilities.

What are the general group member responsibilities?

Attend meetings and complete assignments that we enable group to evaluate the process and determine what systemic changes are required.

Decision-Making Method.

How will this group make decisions?

By consensus.

If the decision-making method is consensus or consensus decision making delegated with constraints, what is the fallback decision-making method in the absence of a consensus agreement?

Resolution by the Director.

Adopted from DMH Priority Populations Workgroup, which used this form that was developed by Richard Mettler ,October 1999