

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

64 New York Avenue, NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

**January 22, 2009
3:30 – 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Nancy Lee Head, Effie Smith, Rosa Hamlett, Chet Gray, Mary Ann Luby, Vivian Smith, Ray Brown, Gretchen Rohr (on behalf of Robin Thorner), Shannon Hall

Guests: Laureen Jackson, Leslie J. Davis Bell, Yvonne Smith

Absent: Senora Simpson, Angela Frank (hospitalized), Nancy Ware, Sharon Baskerville, Robin Thorner, Helen Bergman, Sue Marshall, Nan Roman, Joyce Drumming, Shira Keys, Sherry McMahon (sick)

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Marcia Jones, Barbara Bazron, Catherine Anderson, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Steve Baron

Director Baron called the meeting to order in Ms. Simpson's absence. Introductions were made.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2008

The minutes of December 4, 2008 were reviewed and approved with the necessary corrections. (*Note: the power point presentation on the National Memorial will be sent out by Steve*). Nancy Lee Head announced that Angela Frank had been hospitalized in Georgetown, but is now in the National Rehab Center for a period of two months. It was suggested that a card be sent to her.

III. Director's Report: Stephen T. Baron

A. Announcements

1. **Consumer Services Reviews (CSR)** - Marcia Jones distributed the Dixon calendar from February through May, 2009 listing the dates the CSR training and reviews. Members are also welcome to take the training and shadow the reviewers. Anyone interested should let Ms. Jones know.
2. **Dixon** – The next status hearing with Judge Hogan is February 12, 2009 at 10:30 am. The Court Monitor's report has been distributed as a draft to

the plaintiff's attorney, who may distribute it today to stakeholders. The formal report will be on the website. DMH has also written a letter to Denny Jones on the homeless strategy and request inactive status on two exit criteria relating to the adult and children homelessness. The exit criteria have also been met for adults with SMI penetration. Three of the exit criteria have been met. There are three other penetration exit criteria that need to be met – children with mental illness, children with SED and adults with a mental illness – once MCO data is collected, believe the children penetration can be met.

3. **New Saint Elizabeths Medical Director** - Bernie Aarons has been appointed as the new Medical Director at Saint Elizabeths Hospital.

B. Nomination of Vice Chair

- The nomination committee is comprised of Marcia Jones, Effie Smith and Vivian Smith. It was suggested that bring nominations back to the next meeting for a vice-chair. However, it was noted by Ray Brown that the nomination for Chair was made at the end of the meeting and members were leaving. A discussion followed and it was decided that the Nomination Committee would talk with Ms. Simpson to see if she is still interested in the chair position; another vote be taken on the chair and vice-chair; and persons interested in the chair or vice-chair position submit their names to Marcia Jones.

C. Review of DCCSA Transition Plan Submitted to Council of District of Columbia

- Some of the highlights of the Transition Plan are as follows: the report went out yesterday and is on DMH's website. The transition date was extended out longer than anticipated in the first report, to March 30, 2010 for the following reasons: the census, the primary relationship with the doctors at DCCSA vs. private providers, to conduct repetitive fairs to give consumers and family members more exposure to private providers, and salary discrepancies.
- Rules are being published to issue vouchers to private providers (the vouchers will be tied to the consumer).
- An Implementation Office headed by Barbara Bazron has been created to track consumers in the process and move the transition forward. As part of the safety net plan, a Continuity of Care team will also be established made up of staff from the DC CSA, the mobile crisis team, the homeless outreach staff, and peer specialists for clients having difficulties making the transition.
- Services did not change in the transition plan, such as Multicultural, Jackie Robinson, the Therapeutic Nursery, the Pharmacy and a number of the resident clinics, and the outpatient competence program.

- There are about 227 employees that will be affected by the transition plan.
- Questions and discussions concerning the plan included: clinic options and rates, collecting data on each client needs, court referrals, enrollment, Medicaid/Medicare rates, ACT/ACT providers, vouchers, a legacy agency, a management plan, auditing, safety nets, the role of the PC, and the range of services for non-DMH providers.

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: February 26, 2009.