



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 28, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 PM  
64 New York Avenue NE**

**Members Present:** Senora Simpson, Effie Smith, Mary Ann Luby, Joyce Drumming, Mary Jean DiPietro, Rosa Hamlett, Latoya Wesley, Yvonne Smith, Richard Flintrop, Laureen Jackson, Chet Gray

**Absent:** Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Kwanne Anderson, Sue Marshall, Robin Thorner, Byron Stith, Vivian Smith

**Staff Present:** Steve Baron, Anne Weiss, Atiya Frame-Shamblee, Dr. Steve Steury, John Graham, JoAnn Davis

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**I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Simpson.

**II. Review/Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2009**

The minutes of December 2, 2009 were approved and will be posted on the website.

**III. Acknowledgement of the Death of Mary Gardiner Jones and Nancy Lee Head**

Ms. Simpson, on behalf of the Partnership Council (PC), acknowledged the work and the great loss of two very staunch supporters of persons with mental illness. Mary Gardiner Jones was a strong advocate for children. Nancy Lee Head was a strong advocate and an active member of the PC. Ms. Simpson emphasized how passionate and sincere they both were about causes that meant so much to them. They both will be truly missed.

**IV. Announcements**

- Saint Elizabeths is gearing up for the move into the new hospital facility. Staff is scheduled to move in March and the patients in May. Mary Ann Luby has suggested to Patrick Canavan and Steve Baron that the meditation garden be named after Nancy Lee Head.
- The PC is now featured in two different sections of the DMH website. In addition to its own page, the PC information also can be found in a new section entitled Consumers and Families.

- The Fifth Crisis Intervention Officers (CIO) class starts on Monday.
- The Point-In-time Survey which counts the homeless on the streets and in shelters was conducted last night.

## **V. Director's Report**

### **A. Overview of the FY 11 Budget formulation**

DMH is beginning the process with the City Administrator's office to prepare the proposed 2011 budget. [Because of the economy and declining revenues,] DMH has been asked to reduce its budget by 10%. In preliminary discussions, DMH has articulated the impact the 10% reduction would have on services for the Hospital and in the community. Once DMH can talk publicly, Steve Baron will provide further information to the PC. The DC Behavioral Health Association (DCBHA) wrote a strong letter to Neil Albert, the City Administrator, in support of the Department's work. A copy of the letter will be distributed to the PC members. Other supporters included the Mental Health Association of DC, the Children's Law Center and an e-mail from the Providers group. The Council Committee on Health annual Performance Oversight Hearing is scheduled for March 10. DMH responses to questions from the Committee will be distributed. The FY 11 Budget Hearing is scheduled for April 11 or 12. The PC will be informed of the date once it is confirmed.

### **B. DC CSA Transition**

DMH is shy of 3100 consumers who have been transitioned to private providers and the process is close to the end. The total numbers may be close to 3200. In addition, it was noted that consumers have come back into the system who were not active in the DC CSA on April 1, 2008 when the transition began.

### **C. Policy Discussion**

Mary Ann Luby asked for clarification on the role of the PC as to whether the PC was just for disseminating information or to help form and shape policy. After much discussion on this issue, it was agreed that Mary Ann Luby, Joyce Drumming and Effie Smith would report back to the PC in March on how to approach the issue of contributing to the development of policies at DMH and/or the specific goals and objectives of the PC.

### **D. Homeless Outreach Program (HOP) Update**

Dr. Steve Steury gave a brief update on the changes that had occurred in HOP over the last several months. HOP was moved from the Office of Programs and Policy to merge with other programs at the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP). Doctors who were assigned to HOP were reassigned to 35 K Street to provide services for the Same Day walk-in service. Several meetings were held with stakeholders regarding the changes. A position for a HOP Coordinator was posted and a selection has been made. Bob Glennings will begin work on February 22. Two positions also were posted yesterday for social workers. Dr. Steury also discussed the

Homeless Outreach Grant received from federal stimulus money which will support several positions.

**E. Dixon Update**

February 11 is the date for the **Dixon** Status Hearing. The Court Monitor's report should be filed today or tomorrow and will be posted on the website. DMH filed a motion to vacate *Dixon*; the plaintiff filed a counter argument, and now DMH has until March 1 to file a rebuttal. DMH is on target. Two letters have been sent to the Court Monitor – one stating that DMH met the criteria for ACT and the other offering alternatives to supported housing. Both are in front of the Court Monitor.

**VI. Program Reports – Office of Accountability - Update on Outpatient Monitoring of Primary Health Integration with Mental Health - Anne Weiss /Atiya Frame**

Atiya Frame distributed a handout entitled “FY 2010 Quality Improvement Initiatives” and gave an overview of these initiatives. She discussed the FY 2010 QI initiatives, the FY 2009 Co-morbidity Outcomes, the Medical Co-morbidity, Clinical Supervision and Community Support Service Utilization. It was noted during the discussion that dental coverage for consumers is a possible item for a policy discussion.

**VII. Old Business**

None

**VIII. New Business**

None

**IX. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2010**