



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

**February 25, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 PM
64 New York Avenue NE**

Members Present: Senora Simpson, Effie Smith, Joyce Drumming, Mary Jean DiPietro, Yvonne Smith, Laureen Jackson, Vivian Smith, Sue Marshall, Jennifer Lav

Absent: Mary Ann Luby, Rosa Hamlett, Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Kwanne Anderson, Robin Thorner, Byron Stith, Richard Flintrop, Chet Gray, Latoya Wesley

Guest: Matt Rosen, Ann Chauvin, Melisa Chrisman

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron, John Graham, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Simpson. Introductions were made.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2010

The minutes of January 28, 2010 were approved and will be posted on the website.

III. Director's Report

A. Announcements

- The Open House for the new Saint Elizabeths Hospital will be held on April 12, 2010. Administrative staff is scheduled to move into the new hospital in March with patients moving the first week in May.
- Mr. Baron will arrange for Ms. Vivian Smith to tour the new hospital. Ms. Smith requested that DMH name a room or courtyard in the new Hospital for Luther D. Robinson, a former Hospital Superintendent.
- The sixth CIO training class has begun. Over 100 hundred officers have now been trained.
- An RFP is out for the Cornerstone Housing Development project. The partnership with DHCD will result in about 235 new and renovated housing set aside for people with mental illness.
- The Hospital census today is at 325.

B. Oversight Hearing

The Council Performance Oversight Hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2010. Three people have signed up so far to give testimony. Court Monitor Denny Jones also is scheduled to testify.

C. Dixon Update

- The status hearing has been rescheduled to March 19. DMH hopes to file its status report on April 1.
- Letters were sent to the Court Monitor regarding the ACT and Supported Housing criteria, and are available upon request.

D. Budget Updates

- FY 10 - The City Administrator has put into place a process to Request Authority to Spend.
- FY 11 - The Committee on Health hearing on DMH's budget is scheduled for April 26 and the Mayor will submit his budget to the Council on April 1.

E. Other Discussion Items

- **Census Initiative** – Information will be hand-delivered in mid-March/mid-April to approximately 127 group homes.
- **Stimulus Money** – While DMH did not receive money directly, \$500,000 has been set aside for supported employment, RSA and DHS Homeless Prevention programs.

IV. Program Reports

Office of Policy and Programs – Update on DC CSA Transition

- Dr. Barbara Bazron presented on the status of the DC CSA transition, including the percentages of [enrolled consumers who have had] first and second appointments; monitoring of voucher payments; letter agreements with the [Physicians Practice Group and community providers]; special supports for the small number of consumers who were auto assigned, and the role of peer specialists.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Matt Rosen will receive a written invitation to become a member of the Partnership Council.

IX. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2010