



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

**March 26, 2009**

**3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**64 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, DC**

**Members Present:** Senora Simpson, Nancy Lee Head, Effie Smith, Rosa Hamlett, Mary Ann Luby, Sue Marshall, Mary Jean DiPietro, Chet Gray, Nina Swanson

**Absent:** Angela Frank, Nancy Ware, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Shannon Hall, Vivian Smith, Ray Brown, Joyce Drumming, and Robin Thorner

**Guest:** Laureen Jackson, Leslie Davis, Richard Flintrop, Yvonne Smith

**Staff Present:** Steve Baron, Marcia Jones, Sheila Kelly, Leslie Deveau, Cathy Anderson, JoAnn Davis

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**I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson**

Ms. Simpson called the meeting to order. She appointed Nancy Lee Head and Sue Marshall as the official reviewers of minutes. Introductions were made.

**II. Review/Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2009**

The minutes of February 26, 2009 were approved as amended.

**III. Director's Report: Stephen T. Baron**

**A. Announcements**

1. **Progress in establishing web page for Partnership Council** - Marcia Jones demonstrated webpage that Phyllis Jones created for the Partnership Council.
2. **Sign Up for Adult CSR Training/Shadowing** – The dates for new participant or refresher training in CSR reviews/shadowing were given, along with the registration website. The adult shadowing will be held from May 4 through May 15.
3. **DMH's Upcoming Budget Oversight Hearing** – The Council Budget Hearing will be held on March 30, 2009 at 10:00 am in the Wilson Building.
4. **Upcoming Forum with Offices of Latino, Asian-Pacific, African Affairs on the DC CSA transition** – Marcia Jones announced that DMH would be meeting with the OLA, OAP and AA on March 31 to plan a forum to discuss the DC CSA transition and access to mental health services generally.
5. **Mayor's FY 2010 Budget Released** – Mr. Baron reported that like the rest of the government DMH will be realigning staff, but direct service positions will not be affected.

**B. Reports**

1. **E-Mail to Staff** - An e-mail communication to DMH staff explaining the FY 2010 budget impact on DMH services and personnel was discussed.

2. **Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)**– Planning for training using the CIT model is underway. A discussion was held concerning the number of classes per year, the curricula, and who should be trained.
3. **DC CSA Transition** – The following highlights were given: (1) one more open house is scheduled for March, more will follow in April and May; (2) about 532 consumers have transferred; (3) the CSS are being monitored; (4) there have been 53 staff separations with most taking other positions within DMH (5) the physician practice group design is nearly complete; and (6) ACT teams are being increased.
4. **Integrated Care Contract** – The integrated care contract has been signed. Services should begin the first of May. Jana Berhow will be invited to present at the next meeting.
6. **DC CSA Implementation Team Community Feedback Plan** – Plan includes several approaches to get community feed back on the transition process. These mechanisms include: (1) a blog tied to the Consumer Wellness Center; (2) secret shopper teams; and (3) calls to providers’ offices and the Access Helpline. Volunteers were also solicited from the Planning Council to help. Mrs. Simpson and Yvonne Smith volunteered.
7. **Survey Instruments** – The survey instruments are being refined to assist in the evaluation process. An independent evaluator will be used to work with the group. Updates will be provided to the group.
8. **Child Community Services Reviews (CSR)** – Scores were not at the level that DMH had wanted. The debriefing presented a uniform theme – lack of a practice plan, lack of formation and lack of teaming. Marie Morilus-Black is heading up a planning group to develop a practice plan for implementation and delivery of service to children and youth.

**IV. Presentation on Oversight of Community Residential Facilities – Sheila Kelly and Leslie Deveau, Division of Licensure, Office of Accountability**

Sheila Kelly and Leslie Deveau distributed a hand-out and discussed the following in relation to CRFs: (1) What is considered a MHCRF (2) Who lives in a CRF (3) Oversight activities, and (5) Other DOL activities.

**IV. Old Business**  
None

**V. New Business**

New Members Added to the Partnership Council - Richard Flintrop, Leslie Davis, Yvonne Smith and Lauren Jackson will receive a letter inviting them to join the Partnership Council.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date: April 23, 2009**