



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

March 24, 2011
3:30 – 5:00 PM

Members Present: Senora Simpson, Matt Rosen, Effie Smith, Rosa Hamlett, Richard Flintrop, Mary Jean DiPietro, Yvonne Smith

Absent: Leslie Bell-Davis, Joyce Drumming, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Reed Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Byron Stith, Chet Gray, Sue Marshall, LaToya Wesley, Vivian Smith, Jennifer Lav

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron, Phyllis Jones

I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson

The meeting was called to order by Chair Senora Simpson.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of October

The minutes of February 24, 2011 were approved on a motion by Matt Rosen seconded by Effie Smith and Mary Jean DePietro.

III. Director's Report

- A. Update on Oversight Hearing** - Steve reported on the Council oversight hearing held by the Committee on Health. One of the topics discussed was how DMH works with the Independent Community residential facilities. Ms. Simpson said that the hearing went well and she was proud of DMH.
- B. FY 12 Budget** – Steve reported that the proposed DMH budget will be submitted this week and the Mayor's overall budget will be released on April 1. Steve will continue to meet with groups concerning ideas about possible budget savings. The DC Behavioral Health Association is meeting on April 4. Another group that was suggested was School Based/Special Ed Advisory Panel. In addition, a conference call already was held with approximately 16-18 providers who proposed budget reductions/savings.
- C. Dixon Update**– To date, the Court Monitor has determined that 13 of the 19 Exit Criteria have been met and he has moved them to inactive status. The Court Status Hearing scheduled for this month was cancelled, but the Court Monitor will meet with the Judge. Steve reported that DMH achieved a score of 78 on the most recent adult community service review. The target is 80 in the Dixon Exit Criterion. A complete report on the results of the review will be presented at the next meeting. The Child community service review will be held in mid-May.

D. Crisis Intervention Officer Training – About 220 patrol officers have been trained to date and two more classes are scheduled this year. NAMI is planning an event in May and hopes to present to a CIO officer the Award of the Year.

IV. Staff Report:

Deputy Director Dr. Barbara Bazron gave an update on the work taking place to ensure proper placement of individuals in community residential facilities: (1) DMH is assessing the level of care needs of individuals who are now living in CRFs (2) DMH will determine the number of people now living in the CRFS designed for those with the highest level of care needs who can live in more independent housing; (3) DMH is working with providers on the transition process, and (4) DMH is moving 15 slots from contract CRFs to community placement. Barbara will discuss the recommendations of the CRF Task Force at the next meeting.

V. Member Report

Steve reported on the following data asked by Yvonne Smith:

- The census at the hospital as of Monday was 267; it was 318 a year ago
- The total number of people served in FY 10 was 20,000 (80% adults/20% children);
- The total number of people served in FY 11 for the first quarter was 14,000 (80% adults/20% children);
- There were 112 grievances in FY 11— 79 at Saint Elizabeths of which 13 developed into hearings; the total for the first quarter of this year was 66 - 35 at the Hospital and 7 hearings were held to date.

VI. Announcements

- The Council hearing on DMH's budget will be held on April 12 at 10:00 am at the Wilson Building
- T.J. Sutton is leaving the DC ARC and going to the National ARC.
- Jean DiPietro thanked Phyllis for promoting NAMI on the DMH website.
- There will be a conference on April 20 at Catholic University "Suicide, Assessment Hope and Recovery". The cost is \$65.00 and Yvonne has scholarships for any consumer who wants to attend.
- Senora said it's time to review again the membership of the PC.

V. **Old Business:** None

VI. **New Business:**

VII. **Adjournment:** The next meeting date is April 28, 2011.