



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

**April 23, 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, Lauren Jackson, Leslie Davis, Ray Brown, Vivian Smith

**Absent:** Angela Frank, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Nancy Ware, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Shannon Hall, Joyce Drumming, Robin Thorner, Chet Gray, Nina Swanson, Richard Flintrop, Yvonne Smith

**Guest:** Cindy Kim, Kwamme Anderson

**Staff Present:** Steve Baron, Phyllis Jones, Barbara Bazron, Lois Calhoun, JoAnn Davis

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**I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson**

Ms. Simpson called the meeting to order. 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**

- Marcia Jones will be leaving the department at the end of May. Her last day is May 31, 2009.
- The minutes are now posted on the website and will be updated with the current minutes.
- Training for the Crisis Intervention Officer (CIO)—the District's version of a Crisis Intervention Training—will kicking off on Monday. Erika Van Buren and Jennifer Prince from DMH have been working with John Faust and Gary Nelson from MPD to develop the curriculum. NAMI is one of the sponsors of this training. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009.
- There are a number of stimulus funding opportunities available. One is being sponsored by DOES and another by RSA to extend Supported Employment.

**B. Reports**

- 1. Update on FY 2010 budget** – DMH's budget was approved as submitted with no expected surprises. The impact on the school mental health program was lessened by making employees of the program 10-months employees

instead of 12-months employees. The major focus of the 2010 budget was on fixed costs and the DC CSA transition. A meeting will be held with the City Administrator to discuss the Medicaid federal match. (See to do list)

2. **Integrated Care Project** – Jana Berhow oversees the Integrated Care Division. She has about five staff who tracks people who are high risk. In addition, she is the leader of the integrated care initiative where 25 people are being targeted who have had long-term stay at Saint Elizabeths. Wrap around services will be provided to them so that they can live in the community. Washington Hospital Center was awarded the contract through a competitive bidding process. The kick off was held and the first meeting will be held at the Hospital tomorrow.
3. **Acute Care Unit** – Good news is being received from the Acute Care Unit for Involuntary Patient (Providence and United Medical). Last month there were only six acute care admissions to Saint Elizabeths. The Hospital should not serve as an acute care unit (on the civil side) and the strategy of increasing the number of acute care beds seems to be working, therefore bringing the census down.
4. **National Consumer Memorial** – Seven mental health groups, lead by Mental Health of America (MHA) are planning a national consumer memorial to be woven into the historic cemetery on the grounds of St. Elizabeths. A symbolic groundbreaking ceremony will be held June 10 as part of the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of MHA.
5. **Outcome of Recent DOJ Update** – The site visit by DOJ was held at the end of March. The report should be out within 4-6 weeks. Improvements were noted, but there are still challenges.
6. **Update on DC CSA Transition Activities** – Barbara Bazron reported on the following: (1) about 964 people have enrolled with new providers (2) the goal of transitioning 2500 consumers by August 1<sup>st</sup> is moving along; (3) CCTT teams are working with each individual to help make sure they are not lost; (4) After April 28, providers fairs will not be held in the evenings and weekends—other outreach strategies will be used including visiting day programs (5) the consumer information line will be staffed from 9:00 am-9:00 pm M-F and the number is 1-800-961-8528 and (6) the PC members will be contacted by Marcia Jones concerning the role in monitoring.

#### IV. **Presentation: Integration of Jail Diversion Initiatives**

- **Lois Calhoun, Forensic Services Coordinator** – Mary Ann Luby wanted Ms. Calhoun to address two questions: (1) what jail diversion efforts have been with the Urgent Care clinic? and (2) how do they fit together or should they?
- Ms. Calhoun distributed a handout of a diagram showing the breakdown of the Forensic Service Program within the Office of Program and Planning. She gave an overview of the various components of the program – the pre-booking initiative, the court service, the community re-entry services and the community-based services. Other discussions included jail diversion programs (CIO, Linkage Plus, MH Court,

Urgent Care Clinic); linking families with resources; and psychiatric advance directives (medical and psychiatry).

**V. Old Business**

None

**VI. New Business**

**Announcement:** Ms. Vivian Smith invited the PC members to go to Mental health America DC website [www.mhadc.org](http://www.mhadc.org). to review information about the upcoming conference on school mental health programs and the fundraising cruise on the Odyssey in honor of Mary Gardiner Jones.

**See Attached To Do List.**

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date: May 28, 2009.**

## **TO DO LIST**

- 1. Integrated Care – Jane Berhow**
- 2. CPEP/CHAMPS – Luiz Vasquez**
- 3. Tour of St. Elizabeths – Richard Warsh**
- 4. Trend Analysis – Patrick Canavan**
- 5. Advance Directives**
- 6. Summary and Demo**
- 7. School-based**
- 8. Off Site Meetings for June and July (Hospital and CPEP)**