



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

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2010
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Members Present: Sue Marshall, Matt Rosen, Effie Smith, Mary Jean DiPietro, LaToya Wesley, Vivian Smith

Absent: Senora Simpson, Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Rosa Hamlett, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Reed Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Kwanne Anderson, Robin Thorner, Yvonne Smith, Byron Stith, Richard Flintrop, Chet Gray

Guest: Jennifer Lav, ULS

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron, Michele May,

1. Call to Order – Effie Smith

The meeting was called to order by Effie Smith who chaired the meeting in the absence of Ms. Simpson.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2010

A motion by Sue Marshall to accept the minutes of March 25, 2010 was adopted.

3. Director's Report

A. Announcements

- The Grand Opening of the New Hospital was a great event. The auditorium is available for use by outside groups. Dale Sanders is the contact person for scheduling the auditorium.
- The Hospital census continued to go down for the last few weeks and is now up slightly to around 308. About 20 people are in RMB. The goal is to be at 292 patients between October 1 and December 31.
- Steve Baron received the Champion Award and Vivian Smith received the Mary Gardiner Jones Legacy Award at the DC Mental Health Association Annual Gala.

B. DOJ Update – The DOJ reviewers are at the Hospital this week for the semi-annual site visit. An exit conference will be held tomorrow morning. The reviewers this time are looking at discharge for Olmstead compliance.

- C. **Dixon Update: Review of Exit Criteria Status** – Steve Baron distributed the Exit Criteria Monitoring Status matrix, and the status of each exit criteria was reviewed. DMH has satisfied nine of the 19 criteria and the Court Monitor has moved them to inactive status. Mr. Baron hopes that by Labor Day between 13 and 15 exit criteria will be inactive. The plaintiff’s lawyers responded to the District’s motion to vacate the Dixon lawsuit. DMH conducted discovery on their expert witnesses, and the final motion to the court should be around July 1.
- D. **DC CSA** – A total of 3,220 consumers have been transitioned to community based providers. In FY 09, 26 people affected by the transition were part of the Community Service Reviews. Barbara Bazron and her staff did a follow-up CSR with those same people and will give a report at the next meeting.
- E. **CIO Training** – The seventh training class was completed and, to date, about 150 officers trained. The goal is to train from 600 to 700 officers.
- F. **FY 11 Budget** –DMH believes that service delivery will not be affected as about \$8.5 million of the reduction is in fixed costs. In addition, DMH projects a savings of about \$1.3 to 1.6 million in local funds with the implementation of federal health care reform.

4. Program Report

A. Presentation on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)

Michele May gave a comprehensive overview of ACT, including an definition of the services provided including dual disorder services, the range of consumers served and total capacity, and the number of number of providers involved. She talked about the number of teams (12), the team approach and training, the fidelity assessment team and process, and fidelity audits. She explained the involvement of Saint Elizabeths admission and discharge, engagement mechanisms, legal mechanisms, and contact and support groups.

- 5. **Old Business:** None
- 6. **New Business:** The DC CSA Targeted Review Report will be presented next month.
- 7. **Adjournment:** The next meeting date is June 24, 2010.