



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

May 26, 2011  
3:30 – 5:00 PM

**Members Present:** Jennifer Lav, Joyce Drumming, Yvonne Z. Smith, Effie Smith, Richard Flintrop

**Absent:** Senora Simpson, Rosa Hamlett, Vivian Smith, Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Reed Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Byron Stith, Chet Gray, Sue Marshall, Matt Rosen, Mary Jean DiPietro

**Staff Present:** Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron

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**I. Call to Order – Effie Smith**

The meeting was called to order by Effie Smith in Chair Simpson's absence.

**II. Review/Approval of Minutes of October**

The minutes of April 28, 2011 were reviewed upon a motion of approval with necessary corrections by Yvonne Smith seconded by Effie Smith.

**III. Director's Report**

**FY 12 Budget** – DMH's budget may increase by about \$5 million if revised revenue estimates reach a certain level. The Chief Financial Officer will release his projections in June.

**Child Community Service Review** – The annual child Community Service Review will be completed this week, and a community debriefing will be held tomorrow. About 90 cases were reviewed.

**Saint Elizabeths Settlement Agreement** – The Department of Justice (DOJ) conducted a site visit last week. The DOJ noted continue progress but made a recommendation on the number and ratio of registered nurses in the direct care staff.

**Dixon Case Update** – Thirteen of the 19 Exit criteria have been met and moved to inactive status by the Court Monitor.

**Office Relocation** – The lease for the office space for the Mental Health Authority at 64 New York Avenue ends in November. DMH plans to renovate the RMB building at Saint Elizabeths Hospital for its use. While RMB undergoes renovation, the Mental Health Authority will move to 609 H Street, NE as a swing space.

**Peer Specialist Certification training** – The first class will begin in June. Twelve people have been selected to participate and must complete 70 hours of classroom training and 80 hours of internship. Those that complete the training and pass an examination will become certified.

**IV. Staff Report**

Dr. Erika Van Buren and her team presented on the MHSIP report which is a survey of consumer perceptions of care and outcomes.

**V. Old Business:** None

**VI. New Business:** None

**VII. Adjournment:** The next meeting date is June 23, 2011.