



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

**August 27, 2009**

**3:30 – 5:00 PM**

**64 New York Avenue NE, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room**

**Members Present:** Senora Simpson, Nancy Lee Head, Robin Thorner, Effie Smith, Mary Ann Luby, Ray Brown, Joyce Drumming, Kwanne Anderson, Laureen Jackson, Ann Chauvin,

**Absent:** Angela Frank, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Nancy Ware, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Shannon Hall, Chet Gray, Nina Swanson, Richard Flintrop, Mary DiPietro, Sue Marshall, Yvonne Smith, Rosa Hamlett

**Guests:** Regan Carver (Green Door Volunteer), Marcia Jones

**Staff Present:** Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron, Phyllis Jones, John Graham, JoAnn Davis

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**I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson**

Ms. Simpson's called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and the Partnership Council members were identified.

**II. Review/Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2009**

The minutes of July 23, 2009 were approved as amended. The minutes will be posted on the website with technical revisions.

**III. Reports: Barbara Bazron**

**• Update on DC CSA Transition**

Phase I of the transition has been completed as 2500 consumers have enrolled with private providers. Dr. Bazron distributed a chart that listed each provider with the number of new consumers. Other discussion points:

- During Phase II, about 800 former DC CSA consumers will be transferred to new providers by March 31, 2010. The remaining consumers will continue to receive unique services through the new Mental Health Service Division.
- Joyce Drumming commended DMH for using Quickbase in locating consumers.
- Six adult providers currently are closed for intake for a specified period of time for a variety of reasons. A consumer can wait until the provider reopens intake or make another choice. Mary Ann Luby discussed whether there are options to avoid a consumer needing to enroll twice especially for and pointed out the hardship involved in getting certain consumers enrolled.

- Senora Simpson expressed the importance of keeping DMH informed of all problems and Effie Smith stressed that we should be clear that providers are closed to intake only, not closed.

- **Mental Health Services Division**

Dr. Bazron distributed a handout of the breakdown of the new mental health services division and gave a brief overview. The new Physician Practice Group, the Continuity of Care Transition Teams, and Same Day Service are located at 35 K Street NE. Any problems should be sent to the ACCESS HelpLine.

**IV. University Legal Services Survey (ULS)**

Robin Thorner distributed a survey from ULS' Protection and Advocacy Program and asked the PC members to complete and return to ULS.

**V. Closed Executive Session**

A closed executive session was held for members only.

**VI. Old Business**

None

**VII. New Business**

- **Presentation to Marcia Jones**

The PC members congratulated former Chief of Staff Marcia Jones for her work with the Partnership Council and presented her with a letter of appreciation and a gift.

**V. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date: September 24, 2009.**