



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

September 22, 2011

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Members Present: Matt Rosen, Yvonne Smith, Sue Marshall, Joyce Drumming

Absent: Senora Simpson, Rosa Hamlett, Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Reed Brown, Deborah Bear, Nan Roman, Chet Gray, Mary Jean DiPietro, Jennifer Lav, Richard Flintrop, Effie Smith

Staff Present: Steve Baron

I. Call to Order – Steve Baron

The meeting was called to order by Steve Baron in the absence of Chair Simpson.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of October

The minutes of July 28, 2011 were reviewed and approved. Congratulations were given to Director Baron for progress on the *Dixon* case.

III. Director's Report

Dixon Case Update – The Judge gave preliminary approval to a settlement agreement between the District and the Dixon Plaintiff lawyers regarding the four Exit Criteria that are still active. A hearing is scheduled on February 16, 2012 where the Judge is expected to give final approval. At this time, DMH will no longer be under court oversight. If the Plaintiff lawyers believe the Agreement has been broken and DMH is not meeting the condition, after a 60 day cure period, they can petition the court to make a decision.

Peer Specialist Certification Training – The first class of peer specialists was graduated with 10 completing the class and field work. One graduate already has begun employment with Community Connections. DMH plans to schedule one class each year and will begin accepting applications for the 2012 class in December.

Saint Elizabeths Hospital Census – The census today is 287 with 114 on the civil side and 173 on the forensic side. The most pressure on the census is from pre-trial commitments on the forensic side.

IV. Staff Report: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. **New Business:**

A review of the members of the Partnership Council will be held once the relocation of the Mental Health Authority later this month is completed.

VII. **Adjournment:** The next meeting date is October 27, 2011.