



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

MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2009

3:30 – 5:00 PM

64 New York Avenue NE, 5th Floor Training Room

Members Present: Senora Simpson, Nancy Lee Head, Effie Smith, Mary Ann Luby, Ray Brown, Joyce Drumming, Leslie Bell-Davis, Mary Jean DiPietro, Rosa Hamlett, Byron Stith, Yvonne Smith, Shannon Hall

Absent: Angela Frank, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Nancy Ware, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Chet Gray, Kwanne Anderson, Sue Marshall, Robin Thorner, Richard Flintrop, Vivian Smith

Guest: Ann Chauvin, Matt Rosen, Celeste Valente

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Dr. Steve Steury, Jana Berhow, John Graham, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson

Ms Simpson called the meeting to order. Introductions were made and the Planning Council members identified themselves.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2009

Mary Ann Luby moved to accept the minutes of September 24, 2009. The motion was seconded by Effie Smith. The minutes will be posted to the website.

III. Announcements

- Mr. Baron announced that DMH has invested \$14 million dollars in capital funds in an initiative with the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to build or renovate 300 new housing units set aside for DMH consumers. Approximately 260 units will be new units and 30-40 units will be supporting properties that already have tenants in them. A total of 244 apartments throughout the District will become available this year, with the remainder scheduled for completion in 2010. A handout of the Pipeline Report was distributed for review. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Jubilee Housing Project located in northwest last week and the Community Builders Scattered Sites will be holding a Mayoral press conference tomorrow.
- The Mayor has scheduled a press conference next Wednesday to highlight DMH's accomplishments. Once the press release is finalized, it will be distributed to the Partnership Council.

- The *Dixon* status hearing has been rescheduled to November 16, 2009 at 3:00 pm. It was pointed out that this hearing is not related to the motion to vacate but is the regular status hearing. All *Dixon* reports are easily accessible on the website.
- The first meeting of the System Redesign group was held. The turn out was great. The process is anticipated go through the end of March. Minutes of meetings will be distributed to Partnership Council members.

IV. Program Report: Jana Berhow

Update on DC CSA Transition – Ms Berhow reported that a total of 2,691 consumers have selected a new mental health provider. Eighty-three percent have completed the first appointment. In Phase II, about 700 consumers must choose a new provider by December 31, 2009. Continuity of care transition teams are focusing attention on these consumers to help them make a choice. DMH also is monitoring the timeframe between the first, second, or third appointments.

New Directions – At a future meeting Ms. Berhow will present the initiative to support patients who are ready to transition out of Saint Elizabeths.

V. Presentation: Interagency Collaboration – Steve Baron

DMH collaborates with nine agencies in the delivery of mental health services and support. They are: Child & Family Services; Youth & Rehabilitation Services; DC Public Schools; the Office of the State Superintendent of Education; Health, Disability Services, Public Housing Authority, Housing and Community Development, Metropolitan Police Department and Health Care Financing. Mr. Baron provided an overview of collaborative efforts with each agency.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

Dr. Raymond Brown announced that his last meeting as a member of the Partnership Council would be in December. The Partnership Council will dedicate time in that meeting to recognize his contributions to the Council.

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date: December 3, 2009.