

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 2008

3:30 – 5:00 PM

Members Present: Nancy Lee Head, Effie Smith, Mary Jean DiPetro, Nina Simon, Mary Ann Luby

Absent: Senora Simpson, Angela Frank, Stephen Fitzgerald, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Nancy Ware, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Chet Gray, Robin Thorner, Helen Bergman, Sue Marshall, Rosa Hamlett, Nan Roman, Helen Bergman, Ray Brown, Joyce Drumming, Shannon Hall,

Guest: Laureen Jackson

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Marcia Jones, Barbara Bazron, Cathy Anderson, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Steve Baron

Director Baron called the meeting to order in Ms. Simpson's absence. An agenda item for the New Year is to complete the process of appointing a Vice-Chair of the Partnership Counsel.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2008

The minutes of October 25, 2008 were approved.

III. Director's Report: Stephen T. Baron

A. Announcements

1. **The Opening of New Beds at CPEP** - December 17, 2008 is the date for the opening of the new beds at CPEP, although the date and time have not yet been confirmed.
2. **New Saint Elizabeths Medical Director** - Bernie Aarons has been appointed as the new Medical Director at Saint Elizabeths Hospital.
3. **Child Crises** – The child crises is up and running with about three runs per day. There are not many CFSA kids, mostly school kids.
4. **Upcoming NASMHPD Conference** – The conference will be held in DC and DMH will be presenting. Some of the sessions are open and some are closed. Those interested will need to register.
5. **Meeting with DC Primary Care** – Steve Baron will be meeting with Sharon Baskerville and other members of the DC Primary Care to forge a way to work together over the coming years.

B. Update on DCCSA Transition

- Cathy Anderson is the staff member for the DCCSA Transition.
- Over the past month, Steve Baron has met with various groups – Dixon Stakeholders Group, The Mental Health Association, NAMI and DCCSA consumers - about the transition. There is a tremendous amount of nervousness. The Transition Plan is being worked on to identify issues around provider capacity, resources that DCCSA may have and cost. The plan is due by December 31, 2008. There are people opposing it and looking for council action to stop the process.. DMH is hearing all these concerns and at the same time moving forward. The goal is to involve people directly to ensure that the handoff for referrals happens in a way it needs to happen.
- Questions were addressed concerning a phasing out process as opposed to drop-offs, groups that haven't heard anything, the importance of continuity, and capacity.
- Cathy Anderson described some of the things being done in this transition process which included, a master rostrum of the consumers, a spread sheet on each person showing their level of care, and developing consumer fairs at DCCSA sites. Other concerns of the group included: initiating grief counselors, incorporating information from subgroups of bigger groups, handling walk-ins, ensuring reimbursement, ensuring flow of information, and the Partnership council calling a planning meeting.
- Other discussions included the Integrated Care RFP, and the census problem at Saint Elizabeths (**Note: Tentatively Jana Berhow to attend next meeting**). Documents will be e-mailed to Mary Jean DiPetro for distribution.

C. Update on Framework for Saint Elizabeths Campus – Nancy Lee Head

- Nancy Lee Head serves on the Advisory Council for the Framework on the East Campus of Saint Elizabeths for Redevelopment. She discussed the finalizing of the framework plans, the letter submitted to the DC Office of Planning (DCOP) and the Deputy Mayor outlining the concerns of the council, the legislative hearing held yesterday on the plan and the language that was not put into the legislation. (**Note: Nancy Lee Head will send out legislation by e-mail**).

D. Consumer Satisfaction Reviews (CSR)

- Marcia Jones will e-mail to the PC the upcoming 2009 reviews. The kids review will be held first and the adults second.

E. Memorial

- Steve Baron will be meeting with Larry Fricks and the Mental Health of America today to discuss the tour the memorial site. The memorial site has been moved to the cemetery behind the new hospital. **(Note: Steve will send out the power point presentation on the memorial).**

IV. Old Business

None.

V. New Business

None.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: January 22, 2009.