



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 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, Joyce Drumming, Mary Jean DiPietro, Rosa Hamlett, Yvonne Smith, Latoya Wesley, Vivian Smith, Richard Flintrop

Absent: Ray Brown, Leslie Bell-Davis, Angela Frank, Shannon Hall, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Chet Gray, Kwanne Anderson, Sue Marshall, Robin Thorner, Byron Stith

Guest: Jennifer Lav, Matt Rosen, Marcia Bowser

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Barbara Bazron, Anne Weiss, Atiya Frame-Shamblee, Nicholas Geleta, John Graham, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson

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

It was announced that Robin Thorner had a baby girl.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2009

A motion was made by Nancy Lee Head to accept the minutes of October 22, 2009. The minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

III. Director's Report: Stephen T. Baron

A. Dixon Update

- **Status Hearing** – Mr. Baron announced that the Dixon Status Hearing is scheduled for December 16th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Reply to Plaintiffs' Response to Motion to Vacate** - DMH will be submitting a rebuttal to the Plaintiffs' response to our motion. DMH hopes a formal hearing will be held on our motion.
- **Progress with Meeting Exit Criteria:** DMH set a letter to the Court Monitor requesting that the measurements in Exit Criterion #9 re supportive housing be changed to reflect national standards. DMH also intends to send a letter requesting

that Exit Criterion #10 re the provision of ACT services be moved to inactive status as we believe we have met the requirements.

- **CIO** – The 5th Crisis Intervention Officers (CIO) training class with MPD patrol officers begins on Monday. More than 100 officers have been trained. Five classes are scheduled in 2010. NAMI is a supporter of the project.

B. Provider Payments

DMH reported that a major administrative problem affecting payment to a number of providers for services in FY 09 has been resolved and they shortly will be receiving payment.

C. FY 2011 Budget

The next revenue projections by the CFO are due out in December. DMH is now working on its proposed FY 11 submission. Mr. Baron will keep the Partnership Council informed of further developments.

D. Medicaid Cards

Joyce Drumming brought up the issue of consumers needing Medicaid cards. A brief discussion was held on this issue. Joyce Drumming will send out an e-mail regarding this issue.

IV. Program Reports

A. Office of Accountability – Anne Weiss

Anne Weiss provided a brief overview of the structure of the Office of Accountability (OA) and context for two presentations that would be discussed - the Mortality Review (MR) process presented by Atiya Frame and the Co-Morbidity Auditing Process presented by Nick Geleta.

- Atiya Frame outlined the purpose to the MR Committee and composition, the timeframe in which to report a death, and the number of deaths reported to OA in 2008 and 2009.
- Nick Geleta outlined the purpose of the auditing team, the methodology (audit tools), major findings and recommendations, and how audit findings are used.

Mr. Baron will invite Anne Weiss back next month to discuss some of the outpatient monitoring of primary health integration with mental health and Dr. Steury will discuss SQIP.

B. Office of Program and Policy – Barbara Bazron

- **DC CSA Transition** – Dr. Bazron reported that more than 3,800 consumers have enrolled with new community based providers and just 229 consumers remaining to be transferred. DMH is tracking each consumer and more than 82% have had at least one appointment with the new team. The continuity of care teams from DMH continue to see and support those who have not had an appointment. The deadline for completing the transfer is March 31, 2010, and given the numbers who already have transferred, it looks like auto assignment will not be necessary. DMH also identified 277 consumers who have not sought

through the 4th visit.

VI. Old Business

None.

VII. New Business

The Planning Council was prepared to acknowledge Dr. Raymond Brown's last meeting and celebrate his contributions to the Council. However, he was not present..

VIII. Adjournment/Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2010.