



West Virginia Mental Health Planning Council (WVMHPC)  
January 3, 2013  
WV Behavioral Healthcare Providers Association • Charleston, WV  
**Meeting Notes**

**WVMHPC Vision:** *The West Virginia Mental Health Planning Council is a unified voice that promotes wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians. (2012)*

**WVMHPC Mission:** *to improve the mental health system and function as a catalyst of change in that system. (2008)*

**Executive Committee Meeting** (*Executive Committee Members only*)

**Attendees:**

Jennifer Ballard, WV Div of Corrections  
Ardella Cottrill, WVMHPC Secretary  
Angie Ferrari, Executive Committee Member  
Joyce Floyd  
Debbie Gillespie, Div of Juvenile Services  
Daniel Lashley  
J.K. McAtee, WVMHPC Treasurer  
Bob McConnell  
Aaron Morris  
Linda Pauley, WVMHPC Chair  
Cathy Reed, WVMHPC Member/Housing Chair  
Phil Reed, WVMHPC Member

James Ruckle  
Nancy Schmitt  
Patrick Tenney, WV Council for the Prevention of Suicide  
Vanessa VanGilder  
Mark Drennan, WV Behavioral Healthcare  
Alanna Garden, REACH Cabell County  
Mike Greider, REACH Cabell County  
Jessica Volz  
Leslie Levenson  
*Facilitation:*  
Martha Minter, Community Access, Inc.  
Jenny Lancaster, Terzetto Creative, LLC

**Welcome & Introductions** – *Linda Pauley, Chair*

**Executive Committee Report**

- Received resignation letter from Dianna Bailey-Miller. We need to replace her. Keep in mind of anyone you would recommend for this role. Send those names to Linda Pauley who will send to council members for a vote.
- Ardella – Can we send out something to the membership via email so in the next couple weeks we can collect names and vote? Ardella will send
- Cathy – Can we send a thank you to Dianna for her service? Linda Pauley will send.
- Linda – Department members are at a mandatory meeting today. There was confusion on the dates during scheduling.
- Linda – sent letters to 4 members who have not been attending regularly.

**Nominations and Elections: New Members and Officers** – *Ardella Cottrill*

- Received 2 applications – one from Mark Drennan (Bob Hanson suggested membership)
- Mark is from the WV Behavioral Health Care Providers located in Charleston
- Other application received from Jessica Volz – represents youth and is a consumer of mental health and substance abuse services.
- Cathy Reed – motion to accept Mark Drennan (provider seat); Bob McConnell – second; all in favor - accepted
- Discussion re quorum; majority; etc.

- Cathy Reed – motion to accept Jessica Volz (youth seat); expressed that we desperately need youth seats; James Ruckle – second; all in favor – accepted
- Two new members were welcomed to the WVMHPC

**Presentation from REACH Cabell County** – *Alanna Garden, REACH Coordinator / Mike Greider, Board Chair*  
[www.reachwv.com](http://www.reachwv.com)

- Mike Greider - Friends w/ Tim White who at the time was with Huntington Weed and Seed Program
- Tim Robinson built a faith-based rehab center in Kentucky; Tim was in recovery and started this program in KY
- Since then they have built a similar program in Cabell County (REACH Cabell County)
- Interested in taking the program statewide with funding from Bureau
- 1 in 10 adults are addicted; many are functioning addicts
- REACH is a one-stop shop to funnel services to those in need
- The Funnel Approach: A Community-Based Strategy for Substance Abuse
- Version of presentation attached

**Review of Agenda, Review of October 2012 Meeting, and Approval of Minutes**

- Cathy Reed – motion to approve October 2012 Meeting Minutes; Joyce Floyd second; all in favor; approved

**Committee and Agency Reports**

**Division of Juvenile Services** (report attached), Debi Gillespie

- DJS is working with the Court on a recent lawsuit filed by Mountain State Justice alleging DJS violates WV State Code in its use of solitary confinement, lack of immediate access to toilet facilities, lack of immediate access to family members (the residents write letters, have phone calls on certain days of the week, and visitation is a scheduled event), and they are required to wear identical, standardized uniforms.
- Their expert, Paul DeMuro, has recommended that the WV Industrial Home for Youth be closed and the building be given to the WV Division of Corrections.
- Cindy Largent Hill has been assigned as the juvenile justice monitor for the administrative office of the courts to assist the Adjudicated Juvenile Justice Rehabilitation Commission and her duties have now extended to becoming the monitor for this lawsuit and the resulting court orders to report back to the Courts on DJS compliance with the mandates decided upon.
- DJS had already begun to make large scale changes before this order was initiated. The WV Industrial Home for Youth is now a residential treatment facility for juvenile offenders with security rather than a security facility with treatment.
- We are making changes to our policies/procedures to reflect any changes being ordered and working with our staff to begin this philosophy change.

**MSPCAN**, Joyce Floyd

- Continued their grant;
- Had election of officers;
- Going to regroup and start working on the Youth Summit to be held in the summer

**Legislative**, Vanessa VanGilder

- **Fair Shake Network** has done a survey to determine priorities;
- Disability Advocacy Day Training will be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> located at John XXIII;
- Disability day is February 27<sup>th</sup>;

- Normally stipends are available for persons with disabilities to attend
- Legislative session will begin February 13, 2013.

#### **Membership, Ardella Cottrill**

- Need seats for families with children; 4 seats open;
- Response received from Jackie – will vacate her seat;
- Ernie – wants to reapply;
- Dianna – vacated her seat; was filled today

#### **Advocacy, Cathy Reed**

- WV WRIGHTSLAW, April 16-17, Charleston - <http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/13.04.wv.htm>
- Affordable Health Care – Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – town hall meeting at Valley in Morgantown
- April 12 – 14, 2013 – Family Leadership First Conference
- January 18, 2013 – Ardella – mini conference Eastern Panhandle (Martinsburg), Advocacy, Parent Empowerment, etc.

#### **Suicide Prevention, Patrick Tenney**

- 6 Spring Workshops – suicide awareness; Morgantown, Huntington, Lewisburg, Parkersburg (Mineral Wells), etc.; will send out info when finalized
- Working on Train the Trainer curriculum
- Training with Army National Guard and their recruiters
- Law does not require but strongly suggests education component
- Question about cotangent in schools – not aware of that happening, but it is a risk

#### **Leadership Academy, J.K. McAtee**

- Monthly conference calls
- Leadership Academy finally got a Facebook page;
- Educational piece – Advocacy v. Lobbying; Dave Sanders
- January 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm
- Held 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 required leadership academies – 18 attendees; all reported satisfactory
- Currently there are approximately 500 total Leadership Academy graduates
- Receiving request from other states (Mississippi) and Kanawha Valley Community College (course elective)
- Ardella – recommends – Leadership Academy should collaborate with MSPCAN; provide a mini presentation for adults
- James – recommends – coordinating with Family Leadership First
- January 10<sup>th</sup> – Family Leadership First at Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center

#### **Division of Corrections, Jennifer Ballard**

- They have contracted with PSI-Med for substance abuse services and parolees
- Corrections in Parkersburg is complete
- Charleston work release will have female residential
- Substance abuse big on priorities

#### **Review of WVMHPC Proposed Revised Bylaws, Linda Pauley**

Drafted by David Sanders, Ted Johnson, Ardella Cottrill, Dianna Bailey-Miller, Linda Paul, Patrick Tenney.

The Bylaws of the West Virginia Mental Health Planning Council were reviewed and discussed article by article. Linda Pauley will make any requested revisions and circulate to the network.

**Article 1:**

- Propose to change the name to the West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council – discussed implications for website, logo, purchase new domain.
- Ardella Cottrill – motion / Linda Pauley – second
- Motion to accept Article 1 with the name change to West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council
- Bob McConnell – motion / Cathy Reed – second / all approved

**Article 2:**

- General Purposes
- Motion to accept Article 2
- Bob McConnell – motion / Phil Reed – second / all approved

**Article 3:**

- Fiscal year – July 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Motion to accept Article 3
- Cathy Reed – motion / Bob McConnell – second / all approved

**Article 4 / Article 8:**

- Article 4 – Membership / Article 8 – Ethics
- Motion to accept Articles 4 and 8
- Bob McConnell – motion / Cathy Reed – second / all approved

**Article 5:**

- Meeting of the Members
- Motion to accept Article 5
- Cathy Reed – motion / Bob McConnell – second / all approved

**Article 6:**

- Officers
- Motion to accept Article 6
- Bob McConnell – motion / Cathy Reed – second / all approved

**Article 7:**

- Committees
- Motion to accept Article 7
- Bob McConnell – motion / Phil Reed – second / all approved

**Article 9:**

- Amendments
- Motion to accept Article 9
- Bob McConnell – motion / Cathy Reed – second / all approved

**Article 10:**

- Rules of Procedure
- James Ruckle – motion to delete section / Joyce Floyd – second; 4 in favor; 6 nay; 5 abstained; did not carry
- Motion to accept Article 10
- Bob McConnell – motion / Cathy Reed – second / all approved

**Article 11:**

- Compliance
- Motion to accept Article 11
- Cathy Reed – motion / Phil Reed – second / all approved

**Article 12:**

- Travel Reimbursement
- Motion to accept Article 12
- Bob McConnell – motion / Joyce Floyd – second / all approved

**Report: Governor's Advisory Council on Substance Abuse – Progress & Recommendations April 2012****Next Steps:**

- Brochures are needed: Jenny Lancaster, Linda Pauley, James Ruckle, JK McAtee, Joyce Floyd
- Priorities and Responsibilities Fiscal Years 2012-2013 – need to start working on these
- Jenny purchased domain [www.wvbhpc.org](http://www.wvbhpc.org) and will re-direct to current Mental Health Planning Council website
- Next meeting – April 4, 2013 in Flatwoods

**Check out & Evaluation:** Participants were asked to share what went well with the day's meeting and what they recommended changing in order to improve future meetings.

**Meeting adjourned**