

WV Mental Health Planning Council Meeting

June 27, 2008

Charleston WV

Attendees: Angie Ferrari, Pam Harper, Sheila Hicks, Ted Johnson, David Sanders, Dianna Bailey Miller, Bob McConnell, Debbie Toler, Bob Hansen, Paul Macom, Jessica Stewart, Randy Housh, Nancy Allison-Schmitt, Melody Waybright, Nancy Deming, Linda Pauley, Mike Pauley, JK McAtee, Debbie Hansen, Kim Murphy, Debbie Gillespie, Francie Clark, Jane McCallister, Patty Kelley and Angie Rogers.

Absent: Pam Akers, Millie Gerbo, Bob Musick, Dewey Berry, Brandy Blankenship, Frankie Capocéfalo, Lorie Roberts, Karen Schimmel, Bob Carey, Medicaid Representative, Elliott Birckhead, David Majic, Steve Mason.

Debbie Gillespie replaced Lon Sizemore

Dates for meetings next year:

September 12, 2008 – Ramada Inn, Morgantown

October 10, 2008 Retreat – tentative location of Hawk's Nest

January 9, 2009- Comfort Inn, Mineral Wells

April 10, 2009 -Pipestem State Park

June 12, 2009 Chief Logan State Park

Bob McConnell moved to accept minutes with changes, Nancy Schmitt seconded. Motion carried.

Medicaid Redesign: Council perspective? Impact on lives of individuals with mental health issues? Dave Sanders participates in workgroup of Medicaid Faces. Litigation was mentioned as a possible strategy. 800 people affected today at Prestera.

Motion to have presentation from Medicaid regarding Medicaid Redesign, or possible presentation by Bonita Whitman. Specialty Services? Adult basic can get services, physician services, psychiatric services, individual therapy (with licensed therapist), nothing about addictions. These services are extremely limited. No clinic, rehab, or case management services are available. There may be potential problems with what information is given to recipients, or not given, such as options and choices. It was recommended that a small group meet with Bonita Witman, develop a strategy to address on behalf of Council.

Motion: Ted Johnson made motion for small group of folks from WVMHPC meet with Legal Aid Attorney and develop strategy on behalf of the Council. Seconded by Bob McConnell. Jane McCallister recused her vote.

Discussion: Recommended that Bob Hansen be on the workgroup. Jonathan Deem from Gov. Manchin's office has been appointed to work on situation with Provider's Association; John Russell has been in contact with Gov.'s office. Bob Hansen, Mike Pauley, Debbie Toler, Ted Johnson, Dave Sanders recommended for committee work as well as a representative from West Virginia Advocates and someone from Legal Aid, Dianna Bailey Miller. Schedule for July or first part of August.

Quarterly update from West Virginia Advocates, Susan Given had a schedule conflict.

Department of Education: (Francie Clark) 300 educators, 250 teachers for students with disabilities to bring them up to speed on tools and strategies re: specially designed instruction. Will be given new computers. Couple of initiatives: for EBD, one is RTI must be evidence and data to validate that appropriate accurate interventions have been tried and students are resistant. 3 tier approach. Many states have moved in this direction for EBD population. We have less than 1% of students in WV due to EBD. DOE should be able to more accurately report appropriate numbers on categories of students. Research project in 15 schools called AIR (Alternative Identification and Reporting) to remove the labels on students. 15 schools in 7 counties. Statewide team of stakeholders working on school based mental health issues. In 2012 goal will be to have one expanded school in each county to provide school based mental health services. Survey of schools ( 701 in WV) return was 60-65% in some RESA, better than 50% response. MOU between Secretary Walker and DOE.

WRAP in schools? Funding will be available, possible schedule late summer or early fall to implement. Harrison County and Ohio Counties will be pilot counties. Start with School Based Mental Health programs.

Voc Rehab: absent.

Juvenile Justice: (Debbie Gillespie) Barbourville, Martinsburg, Hancock Brooke and Kanawha County have day reporting centers as a condition of probation. Education, contracting with therapists, psychiatrists, treatment planning and implementation. Marion County to open in August. Putnam County to open in September. Several Courts have contacted DJJ to develop a program in their counties. Div. Juv. Justice is currently revamping programs, to open intensive behavioral health unit at Industrial Center to meet needs of youth. Staffing issues in Martinsburg. Building in Kanawha County will open in July.

Social Services: (Jane McCallister) Federal review in fall, they are attempting to prepare for this visit.

Pat Winston has taken Frank Kirkland's position at DHHR/OBHS, creating a vacancy in the required seat for the Medicaid representative.

Motion to move agenda items around before lunch, made by Melody Waybright, seconded by Debbie Toler.

Bob Hansen: Medicaid rate increases made effective two weeks ago, retroactive July 07. ACT rate went to \$73. In Home Services: counseling/therapy and supportive intervention has been changed. In home therapy rate is now higher than therapy provided in the clinic setting (adults and children).

Election of Officers: Nominations accepted until May 20, 2008. Slate of candidates was sent out to membership 30 days before meeting. Ted Johnson – Chair, Angie Ferrari Vice Chair, Deb Toler – Secretary/Treasurer. Brandy Blankenship, Bob Musick, Linda Pauley members at Large.

Bob McConnell made Motion to accept slate as presented by Nominating Committee. Seconded by Nancy Schmitt. Motion carried.

Overview of Evaluation Project:

Mike Pauley, Brandy Blankenship, Angie F., Sarah Fox, Dave Sanders, were on the committee. Group developed a draft document with recommendations. The goal is to use this as a blueprint for transformation in WV. Ted noted that there is opportunity for Medicaid Redesign under Budget Deficit Act for self directed system.

Weston update: Purchase of old Weston Hospital by a family that wants to restore the building to some extent. A group of folks went to Weston the end of May to raise awareness around stigma issues. Family is not willing to back down to pressure regarding stigma. WVMHPC needs to develop strategy to educate regarding stigma.

Motion to invite owner's of Weston to one of the MHPC meetings. Melody Waybright, seconded by Bob McConnell. Motion defeated by show of hands vote.

Motion to WVMHPC write to Bureau of Tourism to state our objection to use of monies for endorsement. Made by Bob McConneill, seconded by Dianna Miller. Motion carried.

Patty has put together a schedule of events, weekly meetings for Block Grant preparation. She has information and would like someone to attend the meetings (Wednesday afternoons). Block grant will be available on website so council can make comments.

Ted will send out instructions for accessing the materials. Would ask that council comment on 'content' rather than grammar, etc. Comments will need to be made section by section, rather than by page number.

Terms of members: Melody Waybright has tendered her resignation from the Council.

Motion to re-elect those whose terms were to expire in July 2008, which include: Kim Murphy, Debbie Toler, Linda Pauley, JK McAtee

Made by Ted Johnson, seconded by JK McAtee. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Schmitt at 12:35 pm.