

**WV Mental Health Planning Council Meeting  
Holiday Inn - Charleston  
July 13, 2007**

Call to order.

Roll Call. Present: Angie Ferrari, Sheila Hicks, Pamela Akers, David Sanders, Dianna Bailey Miller, Bob McConnell, Debbie Toler, Bob Musick, Bob Hansen, Paul Macom, Nancy Allison-Schmitt, Melody Waybright, Nancy Deming, Lorie Roberts, J. K. McAtee, Deborah Hansen, Carla Clark, Jane McCallister, Bob Carey, Pat Winston, Jackie Chellew, Barbara Templeton, Francie Clark, David Majic, Steve Mason, Angie Rogers and guests Dennis Cornwell and Susan Given. It was noted that David Boothe has resigned his seat due to other responsibilities.

There was no public comment.

Council Coordinator, Angie Rogers requested more timely cooperation from members in responding to reservations, RSVPs, etc. Ms. Rogers asked that RSVPs and requests for rooms be returned within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice. There was lengthy discussion of the need for policies and procedures addressing "no shows", room reservations, meals, and travel reimbursement.

## **REPORTS FROM REQUIRED SEATS**

### **Children's Mental Health Division - Dave Majic.**

The System of Care initiative is progressing. The initiative has been chaired by a state representative but recently the chair was passed to a provider. An improvement package for the System of Care will be submitted to the DHHR Secretary. A three year plan will be developed. Four regional coordinators have been employed.

The Children's Division is short one position.

An Evidence Based Practice summit is being planned and will be sponsored by several state agencies.

Staff of the Children's Division is in the process of visiting each of the Comprehensive MH Centers to assess capacity for services.

A draft of the annual report of the Suicide Prevention Council has been completed and is available for review.

Two handouts: "Children's Mental Health FY 08 Guiding Priorities" and "Update of Service Developments as of June 1, 2007" were distributed.

### **Substance Abuse - Steve Mason.**

There are now four Oxford House programs in operation. Three are in Charleston and one in Huntington. The goal is to establish ten of these programs.

As has been reported in the media, the Gamblers Helpline has been awarded to the Lottery Commission.

The State will receive \$44 million in substance abuse funds. The Governor wants to put all of these funds into law enforcement. An attempt is being made to have some funds spent on prevention and treatment.

Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDT) - The next step is to establish a steering committee which will plan for implementation.

Motivational interviewing training was recently completed with 23 participants.

Funding has been received for drug courts.

Several teen courts, which are a prevention method, exist at this time and more will be developed.

A motion was made by Bob Hansen and seconded by Linda Pauley that a letter be written by the Council Chair to the Governor requesting that a portion of the \$44 million in substance abuse funds be spend on prevention and treatment. Motion carried.

### **Education - Francie Clark.**

Comments have been received on The WV Board Policy for Implementation of Services for Children with Disabilities (2419). Language in the Policy was changed from Behavioral Disorders to Emotional Disorders. The Policy is ready for implementation.

The Office of Special Education has been renamed and is now the Office of Special Programs.

The Dept of Education has a Division of Student Services. The Council might want to consider inviting a representative to a Council meeting.

### **Vocational Rehabilitation**

No report.

### **Criminal Justice - Barbara Templeton**

The Department is now actively addressing the needs of children who are in the criminal justice system who have mental health needs.

### **Housing - Bob Carey**

The 2007 Action Plan can be found on the WV Development web site.

This year \$6 million dollars have been set aside for single family housing for low income borrowers.

\$2 million dollars have been set aside for 100% financing with very low interest.

\$750,000 has been set aside for low functioning, developmentally disabled persons.

Several non profits are receiving funds to develop transitional housing for individuals with various disabilities.

The Department has initiated a housing needs assessment. A special assistance lending program will be initiated this fall.

### **Social Services - Jane McAllister**

The "Feds" have determined that West Virginia did not have an appropriate array of services to prevent out of state placement. This is not news to Council members.

The System of Care will serve people who have not become involved with the Social Services system. This is a positive feature of the program.

### **Marshall University - Sara Turner**

The report of program activity will be sent to the Council to be placed on the Council website.

Two workshops will be provided on school based mental health.

Block Grant recipients will be able to enter data via the web beginning this fall.

### **Legal Aid - Bill Albert and Dianna Miller**

A presentation on the services of Legal Aid of WV was given.

Council Chair, David Sanders, informed the Council that he had met with BHHF regarding the Crisis Response Survey that was completed recently. BHHF is considering a state wide crisis line. BHHF is not planning to take any direct action based on the results of the survey but will be contacting providers requesting information as to what changes each provider made in its crisis response system as a result of the survey.

Next meetings of the Council:

October 11 & 12 - Annual Retreat - Canaan Valley

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chief Logan State Park

February 1, 2008 - Council Plus - Ramada Inn - Morgantown

May 9, 2008 - Pipestem

Meeting adjourned.