

**WEST VIRGINIA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FRIDAY JULY 29, 2005  
ALPINE LAKE, WV**

PRESENT: David Sanders, Paul Macom, Dewey Berry, Melissa Toothman, Bob McConnell, John Kowalski, Bob Musick, Deborah Jarrell, Francie Clark, Bob Hansen, Sheila Hicks, Elliott Birckhead, Lorie Roberts, Angela Rogers, Jackie Chellew, Nancy Allison-Schmitt, Melody Waybright, Pamela Harper, Dianna Bailey Miller, Lon Sizemore, Jane McCallister, Jessica Stewart, Ted Johnson, Angie Ferrari, Carolyn Nelson, Aaron Ward, John Bogard, Patty Robertson, Charles Robertson, Helen Matlick, Sarah Einstein, Rita Pugh, Rita Kowalski, Deborah Hanson, Larry Rogers, Tammy Pearson, Aaron Morris, Pam Akers, Melanie Burgess, Barry Burgess, Kim Honaker, Brenda Smallwood, Eleanor Puskar, Audrey Johnson, Becky Browning, David Booth, Kim Murphy, Stephanie Hays, Diana Blevins,

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, David Sanders. Attendance taken, quorum present.

The minutes of the April 8, 2005 meeting were not available. Those minutes will be distributed on the list serve.

Dave Sanders introduced Angela Rogers who is the new Council Coordinator. Angela provided the following contact information:

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Reports from the following state agencies were given:

Adult Mental Health - Elliott Birckhead.

Review of Block Grant funded programs, The majority of funds are being spent on peer support programs to augment and fill voids in the traditional service system.

Children's Services.

No one was present to represent Children's Services therefore no report was given.

Substance Abuse.

All of the Substance Abuse staff are involved in a Federal review and not able to be present, therefore no report was given.

Education - Francie Clark.

Francie discussed changes to the IDEA program. This year the acronym has been changed to IDEIA.

Juvenile Services - Lon Sizemore.

Lon reported that a 24 bed facility for juvenile offenders has just opened in Parkersburg. Two new facilities will be opened within the next nine months - one in Princeton and one in Matinsburg.

Children and Adult Services - Jane McCallister.

Two new committees have been initiated. One of the committees will address the recruitment and retention of child protective workers and the other will address out of state placement of children.

Housing.

No one was present from Housing therefore no report was given.

Jackie Chellew gave a report on the progress of the Block Grant application. The first section of the application is complete. The Planning Council Block Grant Committee is reviewing sections of the application as they are completed. There is a change in the process this year. The application must go to the governor's office for approval before it is sent to the Feds. Maintenance of Effort will not be an issue this year but could be a problem next year.

The Children and the Adult constituency groups met prior to lunch.

Following lunch Bill Rebert representing the Social Security Administration gave a presentation on the Medicare Modernization Act of 2005. This is the prescription drug program.

Tammy Pearson from Marshall University gave a presentation on the Block Grant Evaluation project. The focus is on the establishment and measurement of goals for each of the Block Grant funded projects. Marshall has developed a reporting format. Ms. Pearson questioned the group as to what the Council would like to see in terms of information about each project. Council members suggested including demographics, highlights from particular programs and significant barriers in reports. The entire report will be posted on the Council website.

The constituency groups reported out.

The children's group discussed school related issues.

The adult group discussed programs and services that are working, drop in centers, peer support, peer to peer programs and stigma barriers.

The Membership Committee reported that members who were originally in the two years class have all agreed to remain on the Council and will start three year terms.

Ted Johnson reported for the Block Grant Committee. The Committee is engaged in the review of the Block Grant Application and will provide comment to the Council Executive Committee. The Executive Committee Chair is to write a letter in support of the application. Ted asked for a motion that the support letter be written to the Governor. Motion made, seconded and carried.

A motion was made that for future meetings that two sets of directions be sent to members. One set will be directions to the meeting site from Charleston and the second set will be directions to the meeting site from Morgantown. Motion seconded and carried.

The schedule for the next five meetings is as follows:

- September 9<sup>th</sup> - Location to be determined.
- October 14 & 15 - Annual Retreat - Oglebay
- January 20<sup>th</sup> - Charleston
- March 31<sup>st</sup> - Princeton
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - Location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.