

**WV Mental Health Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2008**

Attendees: Pam Akers, Dewey Berry, Angie Ferrari, Melissa Scheicher, Ted Johnson, David Majic, J. K. McAtee, Bob McConnell, David Sanders, Nancy Schmitt, Jessica Stewart, Elliott Birkhead, Susan Given, Patrick Tenney, Trenton Holbert, Pam Nichols, MaryAnn Kuhl, Arnold Kuhl, Carolyn Nelson, Ardella Cottrill, Carla Cleek, Bob Hanson, Diana Bailey-Miller, Kim Murphy, Linda Pauley, Steve Mason, Debbie Gillispie, Stephanie Harper, Jackie Hensley, Joe Malcolm, Patty Kelly, Michelle White, Roger Vansickle, Dean Riley

Absent: Brandy Blankenship, Frankie Capocefalo, Bob Carey, Francie Clark, Nancy Deming, Sheila Hicks, Randy Housh, Paul Macom, Mike Pauley, Lorie Roberts, Karen Shimmel, Debbie Toler, Millie Gerbo, Bob Musick, Debora Hansen, Dewey Berry, Pam Harper, Jane McCallister,

Presenters: Bob Hanson, Pretera Center
Veterans Administration: Chuck Weinburgh, Fran Burgess, Mike Ellis
Dave Sanders, WVMHCA WV's Campaign for Recovery

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Bob Hanson, Executive Director of Pretera Center presented with opening comments stating that he had been present at a meeting with high department officials. Discussions were centered on the \$160 million that is allocated to behavioral health (huge system), noting that mental health was part of that system. Analysis needed to show that the mental health system is growing, with increasing expenditures. Bob then provided a PowerPoint presentation on Pretera's services and accomplishments.

Ted Johnson referred to Bob Hanson's comments and stated that the Council may want to consider requesting data that reflects individuals served in the community vs. institutional dollars spent, possibly a FOIA and present the information to the legislature.

Chair Johnson asked for a review of the September 12, 2008 meeting minutes. No additions, but corrections were made. Dave Sanders made the motion to accept the minutes with corrections, J.K. McAtee seconded the motion.

Chair Johnson reported from the Executive Committee meeting:

- Council Plus will be held on January 8-9, 2009 at Mineral Wells; Council will request interest indicators for Council Plus members detailing "Why they want to attend" and participation commitment.
- Extend an invitation to Melody Riefer to present on Recovery at the Council Plus meeting.
- Approved support of \$125.00 for Jackie Hensley (MSPCAN) to attend the "Share the Vision Conference". Jackie will provide an overview of the conference at the January meeting.
- Patty Kelly and Angie Ferrari represented WV during the Federal Block Grant Review. The Children's division had no modifications, the Adult division received notice for 1 modification. The 2009 Block Grant proposal was approved.

- Discussion on Editorial from the Charleston Daily Mail.
- The WV Health Care Authority may revise the CON process, Council to submit possible letter of support for removal of this process.

Quarterly Updates:

Department of Children's Mental Health

- School Based MH Report adapted in MHPC report
- Surveyed 720 schools with a 52% return rate
- Currently working with the Department of Education on an initiative
- Marshall University to develop trends report
- John Bianconi asked Dave Majic to be the primary spokesperson for the Bureau.
- Commissioner Bianconi thought he had addressed the issues of the Planning Council, he asked that the council provide recommendations on access without changing "Medical Necessity to Community Supports"
- System of Care Grant is due January 10th, 2009 may need letter of support.
- Bob McConnell made motion to support, Dianna Bailey seconded the motion

Department of Juvenile Services

- Melissa Scheicher reported on mental health services provided by Masters' level therapists at Salem and Youth Reporting Centers. Services also provided at Robert Shell and Mt. Hope.

Department of Social Services

- No report

Advocacy

- Susan Given reported that there were 6 attorneys willing to partner with WVA for the disabled.
- WRIGHT'S LAW will be presented Nov. 19-20 in South Charleston
- Case regarding access at Chestnut Ridge was settled after 3 years
- Outreach to voters at Sharpe & Bateman hospitals
- Update on Dan Hedges and Hartley (overcrowding)

Membership Committee

- Bob McConnell reported the need to recruit 1-2 possible candidates (18-24) to fill the youth seats.
- Elliot suggested that there be a process to mentor the youth that were new to the Council.

Adult Committee:

- J.K. McAtee & Jessi Stewart reported on the following:
- Support on the abolishment of the CON process
- Anti-Stigma Campaign and partnering with the WVMHCA with the goal of a recovery driven focus
- Suggested having Lorie Ashcroft to be a guest speaker

- Explore options to assist in drafting a response to Commissioner Bianconi on recovery (since there would be no change in the Medical Necessity language)

Children's Committee

- Dianna Bailey reported that the training for WRAP for Youth would begin in March in the Charleston area, currently working with Marshall University to develop goals.

Systems Monitoring & Evaluation Committee

- Schedule of review for PSA's
- Will require 4 teams
- Approximately 50 to review
- Interest indicators for reviewers to be submitted to Trent Holbert
- Discussion regarding the administration of another Crisis Services Survey. Dave Sanders made a motion to conduct another survey, Bob McConnell seconded the motion.

Veteran's Administration Presentation

Presenters: Chuck Wienbergh, Fran Burgess & Mike Ellis

Overview of best practices that are occurring within the VA that include a uniform service package, local recovery coordinators, system transformation, Evidence Based Practice and advocating for VA Consumers Recovery Model.

- Increase in mental health services
- Target age range of 30+
- Seen minimum of 1x per week, maximum of 3x per week
- Supported work
- Coordinated care for incarcerated
- Hiring peer support specialists
- Motivational interviewing
- WRAP
- Recovery and self-directed care

Anti-Stigma Campaign Presentation

Presenter: Dave Sanders

Anti-Stigma Issues:

Why is it important?

- Transformation
- Achieving Promise
- Recommendations 7 Federal Action Steps
- Myths vs Facts

The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the WVMHPC.org website

J.K MkAtee made a motion to collaborate and expand with other agencies (monetary funds as well to address stigma and recovery. Nancy Schmitt seconded the motion, it passed.

The next meeting will be the MH Planning Council + held at Mineral Wells January 7-9, 2009

The MH Planning Council meeting was adjourned.