

## NORTH DAKOTA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

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– **Comfort Inn – Bismarck, ND –**  
- **January 28, 2011**  
- **1st Quarter Meeting -**

### **Voting Members/ Present**

Becky Severt, Chair  
JoAnne Hoesel, DHS MHSAS  
Diane M. Kleven  
Ken Gerhardt, Morton Co. Social Services  
Carlotta McCleary, ND Federation of Families  
Deb Jendro  
Rick Hoekstra, ND Dept. of Corrections  
Delores Hummel, ND Housing  
Troy Roness, ND Public Instruction  
Karen Quick, DHS Aging  
Teresa Larsen, Protection and Advocacy Project  
Susan Helgeland, Mental Health America of ND  
Tim Sauter, DHS WCHSC  
Patty Donovan, DHS Medical Services

### **Non-Voting Members Present**

Susan Wagner, DHS MHSAS  
Lauren Sauer, DHS MHSAS  
Robyn Throlson (for Russ Cusack), DHS VR  
Dawn Pearson, DHS MHSAS  
Wendy LaMontagne, DHS MHSAS

### **Welcome**

Becky Severt, Council Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### **1. Introductions**

Those present introduced themselves.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the October meeting were approved.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Membership**

- Tammy Falk application: She now works for the state so can attend as a staff person but cannot vote. Lauren will write her a letter to let her know.

### **Executive Committee & Membership Decisions**

- Missi Baranko was recommended as a parent of a child and sent to the Governor's Office. The Governor's office acknowledged receipt.
- Article 6 (page 5) of Bylaws: the Executive Committee recommended that they have the authority to review and recommend membership to the Governor's office. Motion was approved.

### **Meeting Times**

- The meeting times will change to 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. until noon on Friday. The education only section will be removed from the Thursday session.
- The motion was approved to split the honorarium to half on Thursday and half on Friday. This is “internal policy.”
- Increase honorariums to \$150 per meeting.
- Motion was approved to change the bylaws and put out for public comment.
- Motion was approved to approve the Strategic Plan of the Executive Committee.
- 2-1-1 will be at the next scheduled meeting.

### **Legislative Updates**

- SB 2268 on February 3 at 10:15. State employee compensation to include coverage for autism with BCBS.
- SB 2314 on Monday. \$1.5-million for Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).
- Four bills on bullying but the language needs to be tweaked. Troy distributed more information.
- HB 1199 Guardianship bill. For individuals outside the developmental disabilities system.
- HB 1269. Discusses a person with a mental disability and the ability to possess a firearm.
- SB 2163 TBI Monday at 11. This was brought forward by the Head Injury Association. Requests for a registry and a special services fund. Asks that DPI train educators and all staff personnel. \$434,000 appropriation.
- HB 2155. Applied Behavior Analysts.
- Graduated Drivers Licenses is up today.
- SB 2190. Supervision by DOCR was heard 2 weeks ago. Asks to change Century Code to provide community supervision once released from State Hospital.
- SB 2135, SB 2264, HB 1377: a lot of state comparison with other states.
- Department of Human Services appropriation had its first overview with Senate and it is now in subcommittee. The Federal participation rate with Medicaid has increased.
- SB 2354. Eating Disorder bill died but found another Senator to sponsor the bill.
- Dr. Stephen Wonderlick will conduct a study at UND Medical School and report back to MHPC. Troy is meeting with him today.
- SB 2298: Establishes a grant program for resolution SCR 2010. Being heard on February 2 at 10:30.
- SB 2041: Continuing treatment order.
- Concussion bill was heard last week. Would allow for DPI to administer a concussion management program. A student would be assessed and evaluated by a medical professional before they can return to play.
- SB 2240: there have been some amendments.
- SB 2152: 2-1-1 Bill. Going to appropriations on February 4 and Susan Helgeland would like the Council to support it. Motion was approved. JoAnne, Karen, Tim, Robyn and Rick abstained from voting.
- Motion was approved to support 2354. The same Council members abstained from voting as they did for 2152.
- Motion to support the expansion of children’s health insurance (CHIPS) was approved and again, the same Council members abstained from voting.

### **Vacancies**

- They are as follows:
  - 1 Adult Consumer
  - 3 Family members of children with SED (child through age 21)
  - 1 NAAMI representative
  - 2 Youth (14-21 years of age)

### **Consumer and Family Network**

- Provides education activities such as advisory council, support groups, different boards, etc.
- There is a possible RFP coming up. Would like to know if the Council would like to provide input?
- They have 2 leads: Western part of the state and the Eastern part of the state which is comprised of part-time volunteers.
- Council decided to form a subcommittee to get input from consumers to see if this format is working and if the training is effective or whether it needs to be changed. Council members interested in being on the committee are: Dawn, Carlotta, and Teresa. They will also look at finding some possible consumers to be on the committee.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be held on March 14 & 15 in Grand Forks. They are looking for speakers. If interested please contact Dawn Pearson at [dperason@nd.gov](mailto:dperason@nd.gov) or at 328-8750.

### **Video Presentation**

- Resolana: Voice of the People was shown by Susan Helgeland. Sponsored by Bristol Meyers Squibb and Mental Health of North Dakota and produced by KAT Video Communications. Topics covered are travel issues, access to services and wait time.

### **Housing Voucher Transfers**

- These are handled at the local housing level per Mike Anderson. In regards to transferring vouchers: not sure, reluctant to do that. They have no jurisdiction as the county has authority.

### **Division Reports**

#### **Lauren Sauer**

- Licensure Reviews were conducted at SCHSC last week and it was a good review. The Person-Centered treatment plans were very positive. SEHSC will be reviewed at the end of next month.
- State PATH meeting was held in DC last December. They meet every 2 years and they are pushing Outreach. At the next Council meeting in April there will be a PATH overview presentation.
- Extended Services: the employments program needs long term supports. They are looking at revamping the program and want it in place by July 1.
- Clinical Forum Conference: will be held May 17-19. The first day is pre-conference. It will be held at the Ramkota Hotel and they are looking for exhibit sponsors.

- Disaster Mental Health: the all hazards behavioral health plan is due on July 1 but will try to move up because of potential spring flooding this spring.

**Wendy LaMontagne**

- Treatment for Collaborative Youth: Dr. Wonderlick is providing treatment at conference.
- Transitioned-Aged Youth: working on a pilot project which will be launched July 1.
- North Dakota was selected by Georgetown University as a pilot site for improving Wraparound. They were here in December. Look for a report around September/October. Will bring to the October meeting if the report is complete.

**Standing Agenda Items**

- Updating website: minutes, bylaws, and membership.

**Other Business**

- Delores: placed the annual report on the back table and it will be placed on their website. Also placed a housing conference brochure on the table.
- Carlotta: Transition Conference will be held July 10 & 11 in Bismarck at the Radisson.

**Adjourn**

- Meeting was adjourned.
- On the agenda for the next meeting:
  - 2-1-1
  - PATH overview
  - Budget for Mental Health Services