

NORTH DAKOTA MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES

– Comfort Inn – Bismarck, ND –
- July 31, 2009
- 3rd Quarter Meeting

Members/Others Present

Becky Severt, Chair

Lauren Sauer, DHS MHSA

Karen Quick

Susan Helgeland

Deb Jendro

Drinda Olsen

Carlotta McCleary

Lynden Ring, DHS WCHSC

Rick Hoekstra

JoAnne Hoesel, DHS MHSA

Wendy LaMontagne, DHS MHSA

Maria Gokim, DHS MHSA

Diane M. Kleven

Nancy McKenzie, DHS VR (conf. call)

Ken Gerhardt

Sara Highum

Vincen Barnes

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

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

1. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves. Vincen Barnes announced that this was his last meeting as he is relocating to South Dakota for a new job.

Discussion of Agenda Items/Other Discussion

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

3. Additions to the Agenda

- Lauren Sauer reported on the vacancies on the Council.
 - There are vacancies in youth (2), adult consumers (2) & family members of a child with SED (3).
 - The ages for youth membership are ages 14 to 21.
 - The membership application is on the Mental Health Planning Council website located at:
www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/index.html.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Block Grant

- Council reviewed page-by-page of the Block Grant and indicated changes/additions where needed.
 - Additional items that came up during the review:

- 1) How to expedite getting additional members on the Council.
 - 2) Have a sub-committee to decide whether to update white papers.
- As there were not enough members present to vote the consensus of those present was to approve the block grant with changes.
 - Lauren stated that he would need a letter drafted by Becky by the last week of August. He will email last year's copy to Becky.

6. Division Report

- HSC Licensure Reviews: in progress. They are going well. The last one is scheduled for Jamestown the week of August 10.
- Block Grant Conference: Lauren Sauer and Maria Gokim attended in mid-June.
- Division is busy implementing a lot of legislation: issuing RFP's, contracts, forming committees, etc.
- South Central Human Service Center that was displaced from the flooding is back in their building.
- The Division did not pursue the Crisis Counseling Grant. After applying it was determined that the HSC's did most of that so did not continue the project.
- Mental Health Extended Services program: an operational manual has been developed.
- Decision Support Services has been very busy with data requests especially with Federal reporting.
- PATH Grant: application was submitted in the spring. No word yet on that.
- Stakeholders Meetings: will be held in the fall. No date has been set yet.

7. Other News

- Phenomenon of Laughter is coming to Bismarck and Fargo. Space is limited to 25 people and CEU's will be offered. Cost is \$60 for professionals and \$30 members (stipends are available). You can register online.
- The Nominating Committee recommended Sara Highum as Vice Chair and she accepted. The members will finalize the vote at the October meeting.
- JoAnne Hoesel announced that the new Director of Developmental Disabilities has been hired: John Bole.

8. Meeting was adjourned.