MINUTES

of the

Mental Health Planning Advisory Council
Access to Child/Adolescent Services Committee

meeting on

Thursday, September 23, 2010

held at

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Service (MHDS)
4126 Technology Way, Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89706

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS – LAYNE WILHELM

Layne called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. Verbal roll call completed. Tanya completed the sign-in sheet.

Members Present:

- Phinney, Cody – MHDS
- Polakowski, Ann – DCFS (via teleconference in Las Vegas)
- Snead, Lydia – Family Member (via teleconference in Reno)
- Wilhelm, Layne – SAPTA

Members Absent:

- Norris, Rene – Family Member
- Peterman, Patricia – Family Member
- Thomas, Alyce – Consumer

Staff and guests:

- Benitez, Tanya – MHDS/MHPAC Admin. Asst.
- Mowbray, Roger – Grant Writer

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MHPAC MEETING ON 6/15/2010

Layne asked for comments and/or changes for the 6/15/2010 minutes. Cody motioned to approve the minutes as written. Lydia seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

3. REVIEW GOALS DOCUMENT

Layne said the document was presented to the Council in August. The committee needs to review the document and decide if this is still the direction in which they are going. Layne asked for discussion on goals. Everyone concurred. Layne believes the actions are broad enough and open enough for achievement. He believes the biggest concern is going to be the State budget and the agencies that will be able to assist them based on how their budgets look. Roger asked if these have been discussed with the consortia as far as collaboration. He thought Patricia was going to talk with them. Layne asked which consortium they are discussing. Roger said the one that has produced the plan for Nevada State Plan for Children's Mental Health that will fall under the umbrella of the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services. Ann asked if Kevin Crowe was acting as the liaison for them. Cody thought Kevin was working with the Statewide Consortia. Layne will verify. Cody said she thought Patricia was going to talk with Pam Becker. Lydia said that she and Patricia had spoken to each other in regard to the MOU and MOA. Cody asked which MOU they were discussing. Lydia said the one transitioning from children to adult.

Ann motioned to approve the goals. Lydia seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

4. DEVELOP PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

They will email Kevin to see if he has been in contact with the Consortium. Speak with Patricia to see if she has spoken to Pam Becker. Layne will speak with co-worker on the status of the Rural Children's Mental Health Consortium and find out who the driving force behind the larger Consortium is. Depending on what he finds out from Kevin will determine if they need to contact any of them at this time. Layne asked if they have forgotten any agencies to assist them in this task. Lydia said she believes adding schools is a good idea. Collaborating together will help the children in the long run. Cody asked what they are thinking to ask them to do. Lydia said without the collaboration of the school with the parents, they would not know how to help the child. She believes the school is a very important piece of the continuum of care and of mental health along with the continuum of their education as well. Layne said one of the questions he will ask is do they have representation or involvement with the school districts already. He will also check with juvenile justice. Ann said the statewide juvenile justice is still under DCFS but the Counties have their own. Layne asked what the next step for this committee. How are they going to take this project and move it forward? He said with everyone waiting on what the budgets are going to look like and how that will affect what resources they will have available. They have identified the members and they need to make sure they do not lose momentum or direction with them; however, he believes they will be hesitant to make a full commitment until spring or even June. Roger said at the Council's Executive Committee on Tuesday, he said he would contact the Commission

Chair Kevin Quint and ask that he provide an update at the Council's next meeting on October 5th as to collaborative efforts going on between the Commission and the Council. He will ask him to speak to that. He believes he heard at the Executive Committee meeting that the Commission's meeting last week, the portion dealing with DCFS is there had been a lot of discussions. This may be of interest to this committee.

Layne said not sure if at this time they have enough information to set a timeline. Roger said in the past other committees have presented this to the Council. Cody said these were presented and approved at the last Council meeting. Layne concurred with Cody and said they need to move into what actions they are going to take to plan for implementation. Generally, they may be able to set some timelines, specifically may be more difficult. They can look at regions, who are already there, and who needs to be brought in. A lot of this will depend on what is left after the funding decisions are made. Generally they look at the state in north, south, and rural. He believes they need to change that view of the state in regard to these types of services. They have divided it up in his agency by coalitions. Every county or relative county, they have a coalition that actually does the needs assessment for that particular area. They may want to look at smaller sections of the state and look at the community needs. They can present it to the Council as the action steps the Committee has determined and get input from them and comments from both Kevin Crowe and Kevin Quint. Cody said it seems like the most reasonable step forward that they can make today. Ann concurred.

Layne said the next step is the Committee is there, they need to determine all of the players and bring to the group. This is what the Committee requests from the Council at large.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment made.

6. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE MEETING

Date to be determined, possibly early December.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Cody motioned to adjourn. Ann seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 am