

MINUTES
of the
Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's
Orientation/Refresher Training
meeting on
October 17, 2012

Video Teleconference Meeting Locations:

held at

Desert Regional Center (DRC)

1391 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada

AND

Mental Health & Developmental Services (MHDS)

4126 Technology Way, Suite 201, Carson City, Nevada

1. WELCOME AND GREETING – DAVE CALOJARO

Dave welcomed the members and guests at 9:15 a.m. Around the table introductions were made and Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:

Alyce Thomas – Consumer/Family Member
Judy Bousquet – Co-occurring Consumer
Susan Maunder – Consumer/Family Member
Dave Caloiaro – MHDS
Debra Parra – Housing

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Norris – Family Member, Past Chair
Alisha Ash – Consumer/Youth
Barbara Jackson – Consumer
Jeannie Smith – Family Member
Denice Pinder – Family Member
Sharon Wilson – DOC
Mechelle Merrill – DETR
Coleen Lawrence – DHCFP/Medicaid

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Stephen McLaughlin – SAPTA
Bill Kirby – SAPTA & Pending MHPAC Member
Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS
Luana Ritch – MHDS

STAFF AND GUESTS (continued):

Diane Dempsey – MHDS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. INTRODUCTION TO MHDS – DAVE CALOIARO

Dave reviewed the organizational chart for the Division of Mental Health and Development Services (MHDS), effective March 1, 2012, and discussed the state's current public mental health system and MHDS programs. He also discussed that MHDS is in the process of merging with the Health Division.

4. INTRODUCTION TO THE JOINT MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT – TAMI JO MCKNIGHT

Tami gave an overview of the Mental Health Block Grant that has now been joined with Substance Abuse and discussed the WebBGAS login that members can use to look at the application for the Behavioral Health Assessment Report. Tami and Luana will be submitting this report to the Federal Government no later than December 1, 2012. Tami and Steve stressed the importance of getting the members' feedback. Tami reviewed the snapshots of the Web Block Grant Application System and encouraged members to go to SAMHSA.gov to become familiar with SAMHSA's eight strategic initiatives. Tami stated if the Council has questions or needs technical assistance, the Council may contact Bruce Emery with Advocates for Human Potential, as well as the National Association for Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils. Discussion followed. Dave also outlined several key components of the Joint Block Grant; i.e., strategic initiatives; evidence-based practices, such as supportive employment and housing; special populations, like tribes; and, health care reform.

5. BREAK

Break at 10:45 a.m., and resumed at 10:55 a.m.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OF THE PLANNING COUNCIL – DIANE DEMPSEY

Diane said she supports the Council by setting up the meetings, reserving the rooms, preparing the agendas, taking and transcribing the minutes, posting the agendas and minutes to the website, and preparing MHPAC travel. Diane also organized and mailed the orientation inserts used in the training and referred the members to the membership contact list, attached composition, MHPAC spreadsheet, and travel

forms. Since the Council is bound by the Open Meeting Law, Diane stressed the importance of each member confirming their attendance at each regularly scheduled meeting. Dave also added that when members are not able to attend a meeting, they may utilize a proxy form for voting purposes. Alyce requested that discussion of the proxy form be added to the agenda for MHPAC's quarterly meeting in January 2013.

7. MHPAC 101 – ALYCE THOMAS

Alyce referred to the handout on Planning Councils 101 from the National Association of Mental Health Planning & Advisory Councils (NAMHPAC) and briefly followed up on Tami's review of the block grant. Alyce stated that the Council is set up to advise and give advocacy to adults and families with severe mental illness and families of children with serious emotion disturbance. Alyce reviewed the groups represented on the Council, the composition, and ratio, and encouraged each member to look at the WebBGAS to review and give their feedback on the block grant application. Alyce reviewed the different MHPAC subcommittees and asked for membership participation, particularly in the Behavioral Health Promotion Committee for Mental Health Awareness Month. In closing, Alyce said one of the challenges Planning Councils face are holding open meetings. She stressed that being a Council member is a responsibility that should not be taken lightly and all members should strive to attend and participate in scheduled meetings.

8. VIDEO AND FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION

Before showing the State Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils: New Perspective video, Tami gave a brief talk on how important each person's role is as a Council member and how their voices as Council members drive public policy. She said the Rural Monitoring Committee was very essential in helping to change some things for consumers and shared an example of that change.

Following the video, Dave advised that MHDS, SAPTA, and DCFS have begun a Joint Block Grant Planning Committee to look at funding opportunities not previously funded, like veterans and military and their families; trauma, and older persons. Luana will chair a data group to locate the needs and gaps. Dave is also working on a Governor's Executive Order that will help to transform the current council into a Behavioral Health Planning and Administrative Council.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

10.ADJOURNMENT

Dave motioned to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Diane Dempsey
Recording Secretary