

LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE  
COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

OCTOBER 8, 2010

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Kevin Quint, Subcommittee Chair  
Valerie Kinnikin, Member  
Dr. Julie Beasley, Member

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

Dr. Alistar Barron, Member – excused

STAFF PRESENT:

Dr. Kevin Crowe, Technical Consultant  
Christina Harper, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC:

Roger Mowbray, Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council  
Bryce Willingham, Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

Subcommittee Chair Quint called the meeting to order at 8:18 A.M. Subcommittee Chair Quint determined that a quorum of the Subcommittee was present.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Subcommittee Member Beasley moved to approve the September 14, 2010, seconded by Subcommittee Member Kinnikin. The motion passed unanimously.

**DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE ISSUES RELATED TO THE MHDS COMMISSION  
RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND  
DISCUSS THE PRIORITIZED LEGISLATIVE ISSUES OF THE COMMISSION AND  
DISCUSS STEPS TO DEAL WITH LEGISLATION DURING THE LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION**

Dr. Crowe reviewed a draft flow chart of a proposed legislative process for the MHDS Commission; and discussed that the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council is one of the major strategic planning partners for the Commission. The process begins with MHDS as the existing legislative tracking facilitator. MHDS has a sophisticated tracking process of new legislation, bill drafts, and testimony through Marty Heffner, who then forwards the information to Dr. Crowe and then forwarded out to the Commission. Dr. Crowe suggested that he could act as the filter for information and bill draft requests and only forward information/bill draft requests that would directly affect the Commission. Dr. Crowe would bring legislation forth for Subcommittee review and discussion, at regularly scheduled meetings, and then continue to the executive and departmental levels and at the same time active the planning partners using the List Serve. Information would be sent out to the List Serve who would then undertake a set of activities that could include testimony, e-mail contacts, and phone tree activations, these groups include mostly consumers and advocates. Dr. Crowe stated that currently none of the planning partner groups are aware of this plan. The next step, if this process is approved, is to engage the cooperation of the planning partners in this process.

Subcommittee Chair Quint stated that the Subcommittee needs to decide on a process on how to make a decision when an issue is brought forth during the Legislature; does this reside with this Subcommittee or the full Commission. This process needs to be developed prior to start of the Legislative Session.

Roger Mowbray, MHPAC, stated that at an October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council held discussion related to mental health services as well as substance abuse and medical services in the Department of Corrections; and looking for integration of these services. This has been previously discussed over the past couple of years, but with no consensus, no action or position taken by the Council. The Council has also discussed the budget with the main focus on the impact of cuts on consumers and programs; and the Children's Mental Health Plan.

Subcommittee Chair Quint offered the Subcommittee to express their thoughts on budget cuts as to identify what cuts to not support and what the cuts should look like with regards to mental health and developmental services.

Subcommittee Member Beasley stated that it is a fact that there will be budget cuts and the Commission needs to take a stand on the issues based upon the Commission's mission statement and take definite positions on certain issues and budget cuts.

Subcommittee Member Beasley expressed support for direct clinical services to families as opposed to administrative services.

Dr. Crowe expressed concern with budget cuts and elimination of complete programs, as one of the key issues of the Children's Mental Health Plan was working towards a public health approach and that whole process could be in jeopardy.

Subcommittee Chair Quint expressed concern that the budget cuts may only support the basic level of support/care.

**ACTION:** Subcommittee Chair Quint suggested and there was consensus to develop guiding principles with the planning partners on the budget for review to help in making decisions on the budget. Subcommittee Chair Quint will send out an e-mail to Subcommittee members to obtain feedback on budget cuts along with guiding principles with the budget.

**ACTION:** Subcommittee Member Beasley requested that Dr. Barron be replaced as a subcommittee member due to his absence on the Commission at this time and for this to be an agenda item for the Commission's November meeting.

**ACTION:** It was agreed to meet twice a month during the Legislative Session, and once a month prior to the Legislative Session beginning. This process will allow the Commission to introduce and respond to legislation.

Subcommittee Chair Quint will develop action points on how and when to make decisions and how to take a stand on legislation; and if that decision lies within the full Commission or Subcommittee.

Subcommittee Member Beasley stated that the Subcommittee needs to have the authority from the Commission in order for the Subcommittee to act on a bill draft request and select individuals to testify or empower one individual to speak/testify on behalf of the Commission.

Subcommittee Chair Quint reviewed the Legislative Priorities:

1. Children's Mental Health Plan bill draft request;
2. Nevada Revised Statute language clean up;
3. Budget issues; and
4. Response to other bill draft requests and open dialogue with other entities.

**ACTION:** The Subcommittee agreed that the Subcommittee should be the entity to make the decisions on bill draft requests and then report to the full Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**ACTION:** E-mail the September 14 and October 8, 2010 Subcommittee minutes to all Commissioners for their review.

**ACTION:** Subcommittee Chair Quint will send an e-mail with a short survey out to Commissioners for feedback on their top three out of five legislative priorities for further discussion at the next Subcommittee meeting.

### **OUTLINE NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE**

The Subcommittee agreed that the following item to be on the next Subcommittee meeting agenda:

- Discussion of Legislative Priorities and Responding to Legislative Action.

The Subcommittee agreed to meet every other week, with the next teleconference meeting scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010 to begin at 8:15 A.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**MOTION:** Subcommittee Chair Quint adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Harper  
Recording Secretary