

**MINUTES**  
*of the*  
**Mental Health Planning Advisory Council**  
**Special Meeting**  
*meeting on*  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2009**  
*held at*  
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services  
4126 Technology Way, Second Floor Conference Room  
Carson City, NV 89706

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS – ALYCE THOMAS, CHAIR**

Alyce Thomas called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and introductions served as roll call.

Members present:

- Bousquet, Judy – Consumer
- Caloiaro, Dave – MHDS
- Cooley, Judge – Consumer, Vice Chair
- Hughes, Kathy – Nevada PEP, Family Member
- Johnson, Rosetta – Family Member
- Norris, Rene – Family Member, Acting Past Vice Chair
- Peterman, Patricia – Family Member
- Polakowski, Ann – DCFS
- Snead, Lydia – Nevada PEP, Family Member
- Thomas, Alyce – Consumer, Chair
- Wilhelm, Layne – SAPTA

Members absent:

- Castle, Howard – DETR
- Devine, Kyle – Health Division
- Jackson, Barbara - Consumer
- Kosuda, Constance – Family Member
- Loftis, Rebecca - DOC
- Parra, Debra – Housing
- Rosenberg, Janell - DOE

Staff and guests:

- Mowbray, Roger – Grant Consultant
- Phinney, Cody – MHDS
- Qualls, Barbara – MHDS

## **2. MHPAC VIDEO CONFERENCING IN LIEU OF TRAVEL**

Roger said this item is on the agenda to pass on information relative to the State's situation with the budget. It has been in all the papers that the State is going through some very challenging times relative to the general fund collections. As a result there have been several limitations and stipulations put on travel funded by the State to attend meetings. One of those is whenever possible if video conferencing is available, it should be used in lieu of travel. The Executive Committee met and determined that would be a prudent path to follow. The next meeting on April 2, 2009, will be held via video conference, with the exception of the Chair, Vice Chair, Acting Past Chair, the primary State representatives from Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS) and Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), and Roger.

## **3. NEW MEMBER VOTE AND UPDATE**

Roger said the Nominating Committee met and recommended a new member for the Council. The reason for the special meeting is to expedite the approval process for that member's application because if the Council waits until April 2, 2009, it would take a longer amount of time. This way it gets the process started six weeks sooner. Roger asked Rene to discuss the candidate. Rene said that candidate is from Laughlin, Nevada, which is a rural area. The Nominating Committee spoke with him on the phone and had a very good impression. It was very hard to decide because there were a few that the committee was very excited about. The committee chose the one from Laughlin and decided to hold the other one for any future vacancies that the Council has. His name is Bryce Willingham. Rene said Bryce is very active in the Laughlin area. Lydia said his application states he is "an advocate for mental health and also in the process of starting a non profit to pick up some of the slack for when the State and United Way falls short in providing necessary essentials that the consumers desperately need." Rene said Bryce is the person the Nominating Committee would like to put forth for the Council for vote to send application on to the Governor's office.

Alyce opened for discussion and motion. Kathy motioned to accept the nomination of Bryce Willingham. Rosetta seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

## **4. MHPAC BROCHURE**

Roger said everyone should have received a copy of the brochure with the agenda. Alyce said she wanted to make sure everyone know that this is an item that has been on the Council's agenda for about three years'. It was requested by Dr. Crowe in approximately 2005, that the Council put together a brochure that explains what the Council's mission and job is, and who and what the Council

advocates for. However, it was not a priority. When Roger came aboard Alyce asked him to draft a brochure for the Council. So even though this seems to be an early agenda item, it is not. Alyce opened discussion. Ann noticed one grammatical change on the second page in the first column in the first paragraph it reads “children with severe emotionally disturbances” and it should read “severe emotional disturbance.” Kathy said on the third column, states “a majority of the membership must be comprised of individuals with chronically mentally illness” and should be “a majority of the membership must be comprised of individuals experiencing chronic mental illness.” Ann said in the beginning of the brochure it states severe emotional disturbance (SED) and later in the brochure states serious emotional disturbance. It should state serious emotional disturbance. Rosetta said she understands adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, but who signifies others. It was suggested that instead of others put their families. Ann said at times there could be a child treated that does not quite meet the criteria for SED. Sometimes the child may have ADHD or depression and may not meet criteria for SED, but they still have a mental illness or emotional problem. Rosetta asked if the grant mention emotional problems. Patricia asked if SED was a Federal term. The response was yes. Rosetta wanted to know what encompasses other mental illnesses and emotional problems. Rosetta asked about looking at the grant. Roger said the first two items mentioned in number two are specific categories included in the grant. Not being a clinician he is not able to determine the distinction between those two and the “others with mental illness and emotional problems”, asked if a clinician present at the meeting could distinguish the difference. Dave said SMI and SED are not only Federal terms but those are acknowledged by most states. One consideration would be to reword it from “and others with mental illness and emotional problems” and take out others and say “and behavioral and emotional problems, and their families.” Final decision is “and others experiencing behavioral and emotional problems, including their families.” Rene asked if the brochure would have anything to do with the grant report later in the year. Roger said yes, it would be included in the plan submitted in September and then the Implementation Report as well as an accomplishment.

Dave motioned to accept the brochure with the changes. Rosetta seconded the motion.

Abstentions: Kathy Hughes

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alyce announced that Cody Phinney is the new Program Planner. Alyce welcomed Cody on behalf of the Council. The Council is looking forward to working with Cody.

Rene said in the Executive Committee there was discussion of the options for Mental Health Awareness Month. There was discussion about town hall meetings, buttons, and brochures. Roger said other discussion was local access to TV in Northern Nevada and partner with various health fairs that may be going on during that month. Kathy said she is on the Washoe County Consortium and they are planning something for Children's Mental Health Day. They are attempting to do something in the Legislative Building. In Clark County the Consortium will be doing something also. Roger asked for a date. Kathy said it is the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>. Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is actually May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara asked if there was anyone in the South that will be doing the Mental Health Fair. Alyce replied that she is not aware of one being set up.

Cody thanked Alyce for welcoming her and she is looking forward to working with and getting to know everyone also.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Rene motioned to adjourn the meeting. Judy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.