MINUTES

of the

Mental Health Planning Advisory Council
Nominating Subcommittee

meeting on

June 16, 2008

held at

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services
Conference Room
4126 Technology Way, Suite 201
Carson City, NV 89706

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTIONS – RENE NORRIS, CHAIR

Rene Norris, Nominating Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Rene asked everyone to introduce themselves to serve as roll call.

Members present:

- Norris, Rene – Chair – Nevada PEP, Family Member
- Kirwan, Jon – DHCFP
- Snead, Lydia – Nevada PEP, Family Member

Members absent:

- Jackson, Barbara – Consumer
- Thomas, Alyce – Family Member, Consumer

Staff and guests:

- Benitez, Tanya – MHPAC Administrative Assistant
- Mowbray, Roger – Grant Consultant

2. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT MHPAC VACANCIES AND REPRESENTATION

Rene asked Tanya to go over the positions currently open. Tanya stated she had received the application from Alicia Koepke for the Governor and that would leave the Council with two consumer positions and one Social Services position open.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS NEW APPLICANTS FOR MHPAC MEMBERS

Rene asked that the discussion begin with the Social Services position.

Marilyn Wills:

Jon stated that he spoke with Marilyn. She is the Deputy Administrator for the Division of Aging Services. She is involved in the System of Care program. She said that she would like to build a partnership with the Council and assist in any way possible. Rene asked for additional comments. None were made.

Corrie Herrera:

Jon stated that he spoke with Corrie. She is a family member who lost her brother recently. She would like the opportunity to assist others who are suffering from mental illness. She is currently working with the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living. Rene verified that the Council does not have any family member positions open. She stated that Ms. Herrera would not be able to fill one of the positions at this time because she is not a consumer.

Cheryl Basso:

Jon stated that he was able to speak with Cheryl. She is a consumer and has a child whom she has accessed care for. She has worked in mental health for a number of years. Lydia stated that the information she was seeing seemed to come from more of a provider point than that of a consumer. Jon agreed that when he spoke with her that is how she presented herself. Rene asked for additional comments. None were made.

Jon stated that he had left messages for each applicant and has not received any calls back aside from the three that have already been discussed.

4. FINALIZE AND APPROVE NEW MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Prepare final recommendations for approval by Council at large at August 12, 2008 meeting.

Roger made comment that the Directors and Governor's Offices has expressed their concern about getting the positions filled.

Concern was expressed that Cheryl presented more as a provider than a consumer. Jon suggested that another interview be done with her. Lydia stated that she would contact Cheryl and do another interview with her.

Lydia motioned to accept Marilyn Wills as the proposed Social Services representative. Jon Seconded.

UNAMIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

Lydia motioned to table the applications for the two consumer positions and collect more applications. Jon seconded with the modification that someone contact Cheryl for a second interview.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIES

5. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Rene stated that the Committee needed to meet again prior to the full Council meeting in August to revisit the consumer applications. Monday, July 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. was agreed on by members present.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lydia stated that she would contact the applicants that she had, and requested that new ones be sent to everyone as they come in. Tanya stated that she would follow up with Alyce in regard to an application Alyce had stated that she would be receiving.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Jon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lydia seconded.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.