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of the

Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's Behavioral Health Promotion Subcommittee

meeting on

February 29, 2012

held at

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

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

In the Chair's absence, Rene called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A roll call was taken and Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE CALL:

Rene Norris, Acting Chair – Family Member
Corrie Herrera – Family Member
Mechelle Merrill – DETR

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alyce Thomas, Chair – Consumer
Judy Bousquet – Consumer
Alisha Ash – Consumer (Proxy for Judy Bousquet)
Bryce Willingham – Consumer

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Dave Caloiaro – MHDS (Proxy for Cody/Member pending Governor's Approval)
Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS
Diane Dempsey – MHDS
Jeannie Smith – Family Member (Member pending Governor's Approval)
Tara Gonzales – Advocate with Nevada Disability Advocacy Law Center (via teleconference)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave stated that Cody Phinney accepted the Agency Director's position at NNAMHS. In addition to his current position as Quality Assurance Specialist at MHDS, he is now the

interim Director of Program Planning and Statewide Administrative Programs. Dave said it is a pleasure to be joining the Council and participating in the meetings again.

Rene said they will miss Cody and welcomed Dave's return.

3. BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR NEVADA MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN MAY

Dave stated that he had the opportunity to be on the Mental Health Promotion Committee in the past, adding that NAMI sets up booths, has several guest speakers and walks along Idlewild River, and provides MHPAC with a booth. MHPAC also worked with West Hills, and Judy Bousquet was the coordinating spokesperson in the south.

Rene said Judy is with the Southern Nevada Chapter of NAMI. They have something in May, and the Council has a booth there too. Rene also said they have handed out buttons and were trying to do bags.

Corrie asked if the Committee would be able to come out to rural Elko to participate in some kind of event. Rene said the Council usually sends a couple of people, but Corrie would be the main contact. Corrie thought that NAMI and West Hills might like to participate.

Rene asked Dave if any of the consortiums were doing anything. Dave will contact Ann at DCFS.

Mechelle updated the Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation's Open Houses in March and October for Disability Awareness Month. They are going to be expanding what they do in October, and Mechelle will report on Disability Awareness Month in October following that committee's formation.

Rene asked Mechelle if Voc Rehab will be doing something in southern and northern Nevada, as well as the rural areas. Mechelle said they will definitely be doing something in the south and north, although she was unclear about the rural areas and explained why.

Corrie advised Mechelle that they have had something every October for years and invited Voc Rehab to come but they have never participated. Mechelle said she will guarantee a presence and asked Corrie to provide her with the information about what they are doing and where. Corrie thanked Mechelle.

Rene asked Corrie and Mechelle if they would like the Council to provide them with brochures to use at their events. Mechelle said they would love it, and asked if they could get some brochures before their next event on March 14th.

Diane will see if there are brochures left from last year.

Rene suggested a review of the brochure be put on the next agenda in case it needs to be updated.

Dave asked Diane about the Governor's Proclamation for Mental Health Month, and Diane stated that the Proclamation should be in by the end of March.

Corrie said they share office space with Nevada Disability Law Advocacy Agency and is confident they would participate.

Dave asked Diane to follow up with Joe Tyler at NAMI to see if they have any brochures or a notice they could send electronically or by mail, and if they can provide us with a booth. In addition, Dave asked Diane to follow up with Judy to see if she is willing to be the contact person in the south.

Dave thought that at the next meeting they could ask for volunteers to work the booths, talk to the people, and distribute brochures.

Rene asked if there was money in the budget for buttons this year. Dave will check on that.

Corrie wanted to clarify that if there was not an event going on in Elko, should she begin to work on one. Rene thought the Council should have something going on there this year, even if it was just in one rural area.

Dave thanked Corrie for her willingness to work on an event in Elko.

Corrie was thinking about asking West Hills and NAMI to see if they would like to send someone to participate, because a lot of individuals go there for services, and she would like the general public to be aware of them. At Rene's request, Corrie will also ask if West Hills is doing anything in the Reno area.

Dave advised Corrie to contact Ms. Terri Ward at West Hills. Ms. Ward is over Performance Improvement and Risk Management at West Hills.

Corrie asked if the Suicide Prevention group has ever been involved. Dave does not think they have been involved in the past. Corrie is thinking about involving them in Elko, because they have a high youth suicide rate and she wants to raise awareness for children's mental health issues. Rene thought they had been involved in Mental Health Month but not directly involved with MHPAC. Corrie asked if it would be appropriate to involve them. Rene said yes.

Rene and Dave recapped the work assignments.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

5. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING

Mechelle made a motion to set the next Behavioral Health Promotion Subcommittee meeting on March 19, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. Corrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Corrie moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.