

JIM GIBBONS Governor

Chair: Lesley Dickson, MD

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Governor's Committee on Co-Occurring Disorders (SB 2)

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 1:00pm.

Attendance: Larry Ashley, Judy Bousquet, Elena Brady, Lesley Dickson, Nancy Domiano-Sader, Judge Jennifer Elliott, Kathy Eppen, Stuart Ghertner, Steve McLaughlin (representing Harold Cook and MHDS/SAPTA), Mel Pohl, David Sonner, An-Pyng Sun, Donna Wilburn.

Absent: Ron Lawrence and Richard Baldo.

Guests: clients of Community Counseling and Solutions.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting were approved.

Introduction of New Members: New members Nancy Domiano-Sader, Judge Jennifer Elliott, Kathy Eppen, and Stuart Ghertner were introduced and each described their background and interest in Co-Occurring Disorders. Unfortunately Ron Lawrence was ill and unable to attend.

Reading of SB 2: SB 2 and its charge were discussed briefly.

Discussion of SB 260: SB 260 was discussed and it was decided to work on it and then resubmit in improved form for the 2011 Legislative Session. The changes in the membership, i.e. to increase the number of members of the Criminal Justice System and add a member from the State Senate and a member from the State Assembly, was approved. Other parts will be studied and approved at later meetings.

Criminal Justice system: It was decided to invite representatives of Juvenile Justice, the jails, the mental health court and the DOC to talk with us on problems in getting clients with COD's into treatment and how we can help in improvement. We will invite several for the next meeting.

Honoring Rosetta: Elena will be meeting with Rosetta's husband shortly to get ideas.

Future Plans: It was moved and approved to do another training in the summer when spaces may be available and free. Steve McLaughlin, representing Harold Cook and MHDS/SAPTA and who evaluates COD programs, described problems with doing adequate assessments and treatment planning. The training program will thus focus on screening, assessment, treatment planning and the referral process.

Public Comment: Several comments were made by the visitors from Community Counseling and Solutions primarily regarding the positive experiences they were having.

Set Agenda and Date of Next Meeting: It was decided that a Monday afternoon would be a better time for some members and that we would plan to meet in March. Space and members' schedules ultimately led to setting the date for March 15, 2010. The focus will be on the Criminal Justice representatives and setting up the training program.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Dickson, MD