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Governor

Chair: Lesley Dickson, MD

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

Minutes

Date and Time of Meeting: *Monday, April 11, 2011 at 2:00pm*

Attendance: Larry Ashley, Nancy Domiano-Sader, Stuart Ghertner, Ron Lawrence, Mel Pohl, David Sonner, An-Pyng Sun and Donna Wilburn and Richard Baldo.

Absent: Kathy Eppen, Judy Bousquet, Elena Brady, Harold Cook, Lesley Dickson, Judge Perry.

Public: None.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting were approved.

Co-Occurring Disorders website: Lesley has sent some information to Rosie Cevasco for the COD webpage. It is to have a link from the MHDS website. No updates at this time.

2011 Report: Larry reported on Mo Denis Bill regarding prescribers to get addictions education– Dr Hardy supported – all boards were represented (PA, NP, dentists, Vets, MD, D.O., optometrists).

Other bill BDR's – need to be out of committee by Friday 4/15 or they are dead. Leslie is testifying at legislative session. There is a bill to appoint chairs to boards who are members of the public rather than professional.

Mental health courts – move to pass costs on to counties. Governor's budget recommended full cuts to courts with no state funds available to courts.

AB93 – mental health – 250,000 per year for counseling inmates in prison

Co-occurring services cut from 1.4 million down to 400,000.

Economic forum to be held on 5/2 – may be altered economic plan for mental health

Plans for Coming Year

An open discussion followed regarding committee members' ideas for our work for the coming year(s). Ron suggested we focus on children and adolescents –

There are fed \$ available (from CDC, SAMHSA) but not PASSED to community agencies

We would need to be in contact with Federal legislators – Senate and House – many of us have those contacts.

Nancy was interested in screening measures – related to issues in the ER's – as well as prescribers

Applicants for funds – e.g. section 8 housing, food stamps, welfare – prior to getting funds

Stu suggested looking at our role in treatment and how to get funds into the system

Mel asked about the role of the committee – e.g. should we exist at all – if so what for? Do our reports and does our work have any effect on government or community – Have we outlived our usefulness?

Discussion of creating a conference about co-occurring disorders – on the level of the marijuana summit –
Talked about how to do a conference:

1. Fundraise
2. Co-sponsors –
 - a. drug company – fund speakers
 - b. Foundations
 - c. Treatment centers
 - d. Fed, State – SAMHSA, CASAT, UNLV
 - e. APA and other groups

Follow up suggestions – for next meeting included for each of us to review the legislative intent – have we fulfilled our mission??

Should we continue? If so, to do what?

Should we disband (will anyone care?)

Public Comment: None.

Agenda and Date of Next Meeting: We set Monday, July 11, 2011 from 2 to 4 pm. We will stay at the present location but need to check room availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Pohl, MD