MINUTES

of the

Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's Consumer & Family Member Advocacy Committee

meeting on

Thursday, May 3, 2012

held at

Division of Mental Health & Developmental Services
4126 Technology Way, Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89706

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

Rene called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE CARSON CITY LOCATION:

Dave Caloiaro – MHDS
Layne Wilhelm – SAPTA
Sharon Wilson – DOC

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Corrie Herrera – Family Member, MHPAC Chair
Rene Norris – Family Member, Past Chair

MEMBER ABSENT:

Alyce Thomas – Consumer/Family Member, Committee Chair (excused)

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS
Diane Dempsey – MHDS

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MHPAC MEETING ON JULY 19, 2011 (ACTION ITEM)

Corrie made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Layne seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

4. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee was asked to look at the minutes from the last meeting held July 19, 2011.

Dave briefly discussed children's services and said since a DCFS representative was not present, it would be difficult to give a full report on children's services. Roger Mowbray and Dr. Crowe no longer consult/contract for MHDS. There is a joint SAPTA/MHDS committee that Tami, Layne, and Dave participate in. They are planning a Joint Block Grant submission on April 1, 2013. Medicaid is a big player on Health Care Reform. Every state has to have a health exchange where people can go to purchase insurance. There is a Health Home Committee that occasionally meets. Layne said Dr. Susan Mears with DCFS is on that Committee because DCFS gets a portion of the block grant.

Rene asked about getting a copy of the block grant implementation report. Tami asked how Roger provided that to the Council and Rene explained the procedure. Tami will provide the WebBGAS to the members.

Corrie asked about Health Care Reform and whether or not there would be any changes when the Supreme Court makes their decision. Dave said they expect the decision to be made in June. The integration part of mental health, substance abuse, and health homes is another aspect of Health Care Reform and the state will go forward with that regardless of the decision.

Corrie also asked if someone from the attorney general's office could speak to the Council about where the state is on moving forward with mental health. Dave said he will send an e-mail today to Suzanne and/or Julie asking if they could present to the Council either in July, or most likely in October, on the Supreme Court's decision and what that means for Nevada's mental health services for adults and children. Rene asked that an Agenda Request form be completed for the next Executive Committee Meeting on May 29, 2012.

5. DISCUSS AND DETERMINE GOALS FOR THE COMMITTEE (ACTION ITEM)

Rene advised Dave that during the legislative session, the Council is made aware of whether they are going to support a bill, write a letter in support of a bill, or not do anything.

Layne said that there are 12 coalitions who work with the stigma and recovery of mental health and substance abuse. Corrie requested a list of all the groups, and Layne said he will provide her with that list.

Sharon asked about the Behavioral Health Promotion Committee and its priority to increase consumer-driven focus. Dave said that MHDS is doing evidence-based illness management and recovery training which is primarily focused on teaching adult clients how to manage their illness. Layne also said the block grant is self-directed care to assist the consumer. Health Homes and Care Management Organizations also have an integrated care component, not specific to mental health but it includes mental health.

Rene asked how the Health Care Reform would affect education and if it applies to Medicaid or anyone. Dave said Medicaid is specific to their population and how they will meet the future challenges of the needs of the people.

Sharon asked about peer support-type programs. Layne said SAPTA is exploring that by expanding the use of their block grant money to support some community-based substance abuse and mental health clientele. Dave added that the Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) and Consumer Service Assistants (CSA) currently provide peer support statewide, with the majority of CSA's at NNAMHS, SNAMHS, and several rural mental health centers.

Sharon asked if there were any volunteer programs. Dave was not sure but felt if there are volunteer programs, they are very few.

The Committee set the following goals for 2012:

- Focus on public education awareness, specifically on the stigma of mental illness;
- Health Care Reform updates and information;
- Connect with the coalitions to see what the Council can do;
- Increase access to children's mental health services, keeping children and adult mental health services equal.

Dave made a motion to accept the goals for presentation to the Mental Health Planning Advisory Council. Corrie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING (ACTION ITEM)

The next meeting date was set for August 9, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

Corrie made a motion to accept the date and time of the next meeting. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT (ACTION ITEM)

Sharon motioned to adjourn. Corrie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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Diane Dempsey
Recording Secretary