MINUTES

of the

Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's Orientation

meeting on

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

held at

Sierra Regional Center
605 S 21st Street Conference Room
Sparks, Nevada 89431

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

Rene called the meeting to order at 9:59 am. Verbal roll call and completed the sign-in sheet.

Members Present:

- Ash, Alisha – Consumer/Youth
- Herrera, Corrie – Family Member
- Jackson, Barbara – Consumer
- Merrill, Mechelle – DETR
- Norris, Rene – Family Member
- Parra, Debra – Housing
- Phinney, Cody – MHDS
- Wilhelm, Layne - SAPTA

Members Absent:

- Bousquet, Judy – Consumer
- Daniels, Steve – DOC (proxy given to Sharon Wilson)
- Ford, Lisa – DOE
- Lawrence, Coleen – DHCFP
- Pinder, Denice – Family Member
- Polakowski, Ann – DCFS
- Thomas, Alyce – Consumer/Family Member
- Willingham, Bryce – Consumer

Staff and guests:

- Benitez, Tanya – MHDS Admin Asst.
- McKnight, Tami Jo - MHDS

- Mowbray, Roger– Grant Writer
- Wilson, Sharon – DOC (proxy for Steve Daniels)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. MHPAC 101

Rene: Federal law enacted the public health act in 1986. In order for a state to receive block grant monies they must have a planning council. States get differing amounts of monies based on a variety of factors.
Roger: After hurricane Katrina, Louisiana lost block grant monies due to people leaving the state.
Cody: When the block grant was initiated there was a trade off. The state received less money but they received more flexibility in spending the monies.
Rene: The Councils have members from several constituents. Over 50% of the Council must be consumers or family members of consumers. They need to have adequate representation of children. In order for the Council to be a true consumer run system, the consumers need to be very active.
This Council has several committees that meet in between the quarterly meetings to ensure the Council functions effectively.

Duties of the committees discussed.

The Council reviews the block grant application and makes recommendations. The grant writer enters the application into web b gas. The comments can be submitted through web b gas or via email to Cody Phinney or Tami Jo McKnight. The grant is reviewed throughout the year.

Roger: The grant is moving to a two year plan. It is also going to be done in conjunction with the SAPTA block grant.
Rene: Will the awards remain separate?
Cody: Yes.

Roger: One of the changes with this years application is the federal government is not using the old measures. They are asking the state to develop their own measures. The goals for the two year period starting July 1, 2013 need to be submitted by April 1, 2013.
Cody: Data is really the way to monitor and evaluate the system. The data can be provided to the legislature and it helps to generate questions. The legislature can not justify spending on stories alone.
Roger: The expectation is for the states to provide the feds with the performance measures based on a needs assessment and gap analysis. Nevada was not able to generate this because the budget was already established by the legislature. The second option was for the state to d a plan to plan. This allows the state to do the

needs assessment and gap analysis. The first step has to be complete by January 31, 2012; the second step by April 2012; and the final step by December 2012.

Increasing Council Effectiveness:

Rene: The Council has four meetings per year. Respite care for minor children can be received. Travel is reimbursed. The Council attempts to hold a training every year.
Corrie: When the Governor changes, does the mission for the Council stay the same?
Roger: The approach to the Councils and Boards changes.
Corrie: Beings the Council is mandated, can they blend it with other boards?
Roger: Not sure. It would not be an arbitrary administration decision. They are looking to consolidate, combine, and reduce. There is a cost with each board, when you consider the OML, postings, minutes, etc.
Cody: There is a great deal of work that has to happen for each meeting.

Identify goals:

Rene: The Council does this every year. They will start by brainstorming what needs to be worked on. The Council wants to make sure that they are not duplicating what others are doing. The Council collaborates with the Nevada Commission on Mental Health & Developmental Services (NCMHDS). The Council is also aware of what the children's consortium is working on.

4. BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION FOR NEVADA

Roger: If mental health and DCFS want to make changes to positions they need to go through the legislative process. The next session starts February 2013. The bill draft requests are due in May 2012. The agency budget request is due in the Governor's office October 2012.

The needs assessment begins in October. Tami and Cody have traveled to Winnemucca, Elko, and Ely already and participated in the grants management needs assessment. The needs assessment will be done by January 2012.

Then they will enter the capacity building phase. They will identify gaps and critical needs. This will be complete by May 2012.
Corrie: Is the Council part of the needs assessment?
Roger: Tanya sent out the notices for Winnemucca, Elko, and Ely.
Corrie: Concerned due to the housing issue. They have done needs assessments over and over. How much money do they need to spend to determine that they need money? Should they focus on more specialized groups?
Roger: They are capturing the information focusing on mental health.

Rene went through the slides.

Roger will send out the log-in information for web b gas.

5. MHPAC ORIENTATION BINDER

Rene went over the binder.

6. VIDEO

The war within was shown at the beginning of the meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cody: Richard Whitley has been appointed interim Administrator for MHDS. He is aware of mental and public health.
Rene: Do they have any idea of when they will have a permanent administrator?
Cody: Mr. Whitley was appointed approximately two weeks ago and it is expected to last for approximately ninety days.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Orientation adjourned at 11:58 am