### **MINUTES**

of the

# Mental Health Planning Advisory Council Child Transition Subcommittee

meeting on

## Friday, September 5, 2008

held at

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services Conference Room (Second Floor – Teleconference) 4126 Technology Way, Suite 201 Carson City, NV 89706

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL – KATHY HUGHES, CHAIR

Alyce Thomas stated that she would speak for the Chair because Kathy has almost no voice. Alyce called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. Kathy asked everyone to introduce themselves to serve as roll call.

### Members present:

- Hughes, Kathy Chair (via teleconference in Reno)
- Kosuda, Constance Family Member (via teleconference in Las Vegas)
- McBride Koepke, Alicia Family Member

- Polakowski, Ann DCFS
- Snead, Lydia Nevada PEP, Family Member (via teleconference in Las Vegas)
- Thomas, Alyce Family Member, Consumer

### Members absent:

 Peterman, Patricia – Family Member (excused)

### Staff and guests:

- Brockett, Joe (Via teleconference in Las Vegas)
- Benitez, Tanya MHPAC Administrative Assistant
- Caloiaro, Dave MHDS

- Kramer, Michelle
- Mowbray, Roger Grant Consultant

# 2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MHPAC CHILD TRANSITION SUBCOMMITTE MEETING ON 7/23/2008.

Alyce asked if there were any comments and/or changes. Alicia motioned for the minutes to be approved. Constance seconded motion

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

### 3. DISCUSS HEALTHY TRANSITION ACT

Kathy stated that Congress is on break and therefore there is nothing to report. The Healthy Transition Act will remain as an agenda item and Kathy will continue to follow.

### 4. DISCUSS ACTION ITEMS

MOU: Kathy asked Roger if he would discuss his progress in getting the statistics. Roger recapped from the last meeting regarding the MOU monitoring. Roger said he spoke with Ann Polakowski and Kristen Rivas to let them know a request is forthcoming. Roger and Kathy will be meeting to discuss what they will request when they meet with DCFS and MHDS. He stated that the Block Grant was submitted on time and that will open up more of his time. Roger said if the members of the subcommittee had suggestions of statistics they would like to see, he would ask. Alicia said she would like to know how many children with a mental illness within the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) are also in the Juvenile Justice System. Alyce asked how many children actually get transitioned and how many get lost. She read the MOU; but wants to know how many are handed off with their first appointment for MHDS. She said she has not seen it happen very often. She said usually they leave DCFS and their parents no longer have guardianship over them and then they are seen maybe two or three years later when they are in trouble or homeless. She said she would like to see how the gap can be bridged. She would like to see how the transition can be more in depth than what the MOU states at this time. Alicia said from what she sees in the north, a child does not get transitioned unless the parent fights for it. Constance said unfortunately from her experiences in helping people with this, there are many abuses. People are not getting what they are supposed to.

FACT SHEET: Kathy said that as of 9/4/08, Tanya has not received any ideas for the fact sheet. She asked that everyone on the Subcommittee get their ideas to Tanya before the next meeting, so that discussion and action can be taken. Alyce said the Subcommittee needs to email them to Tanya. Alyce reminded everyone that it is very important to follow up when the members are asked to submit information or do something. That way the committee can move onto the next item and can keep the agendas flowing. Alyce requested members have their ideas submitted to Tanya by Friday, September 12, 2008, so it can be discussed at the next meeting. Alyce said

that everyone needs to remember that Tanya supports the entire Council and every subcommittee with the Council. So even though this committee may not meet for another month, this needs to be done quickly so that Tanya can meet her deadlines. Alicia clarified the information that is needed for the fact sheet. Tanya verified the information from the previous minutes. Dave said that some guidance can be given from page four and five of the MOU.

ENGAGING EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT: Kathy said she received the contact information from Janell and is in the process of contacting her to invite her to the next meeting. Alyce said this had been discussed at the previous meeting and during the quarterly Council meeting. The name was received too late to get her to come to this meeting. Kathy will contact her to invite her, and then Tanya will draft a letter for Kathy to sign and send as a follow up of the verbal invitation to be a part of the Subcommittee. Kathy asked that everyone remember that not every child who has SED will not have an IEP. She asked if there were any other comments.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe said he is interested in finding out what is happening and he is getting an idea of what some of the objectives are. He will contribute to the objectives. He said that he will discuss it with Constance and put something together and send it to Tanya.

# 6. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Alicia really likes the fact the meeting was on Friday. She requested that the committee does not meet on Monday or Wednesday. Kathy asked if Friday works for everyone else.

Next meeting set for October 3, 2008 at 10:30 am

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy asked for a motion to adjourn. Alyce motioned to adjourn. Alicia seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.