

Approved
MINUTES
of the
Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's
Behavioral Health Promotion Subcommittee

meeting on
March 19, 2012

held at
Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS)
4126 Technology Way, Second Floor Conference Room
Carson City, Nevada 89706

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS – ALYCE THOMAS

Alyce called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. A quorum was determined by the roll call noted below, and Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alyce Thomas, Chair – Family Member (teleconference – Las Vegas)
Corrie Herrera – Family Member (teleconference – Elko)
Judy Bousquet – Consumer (teleconference – Henderson)
Mechelle Merrill – DETR (teleconference – Carson City)
Barbara Jackson – Consumer (present in Carson City)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rene Norris – Family Member
Bryce Willingham – Consumer

STAFF AND GUEST:

Dave Caloiaro – MHDS (Proxy for Cody/Member pending Governor's Approval)
Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS
Diane Dempsey – MHDS
Terri Ward – West Hills Hospital (teleconference)

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MHPAC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROMOTION MEETING ON 2/29/12

Corrie made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Judy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. WEST HILLS PRESENTATION ON MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MAY – TERRI WARD

Terri stated they are looking forward to working with Corrie and doing a health fair in Elko during the month of May. West Hills will also be a part of the NAMI Walk on May 19. On May 4, West Hills will hold a special Town Hall for their staff to educate them on mental health and how they can keep themselves healthy while providing care for their patients. They are going to honor the Children's Mental Health Awareness Week on May 6-12; Adult Mental Health Awareness Week on May 13-19, and the Older American Mental Health Awareness Week on May 20-25. They will have an array of activities from ice cream carts, education, and raffles. They are also going to buy more posters, sticky notes, and items that go on employee badges to remind them of Mental Health Awareness Month. Their Business Development Department will also be involved by getting out and helping with the staff, patients, and the community.

Dave thanked Terri and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Council for the opportunity to partner with West Hills for the third year in a row, and acknowledged that West Hills has been an active participant in the region and is now willing to work with Corrie in Elko. Terri said they look forward to it every year.

Corrie also thanked Terri and added that she had a very good meeting with West Hills' representative, Char, who will be working with her to get some speakers. Terri said that is a new facet to what they will be doing, and they are very excited and appreciative to Corrie for reaching out to them.

Alyce echoed her appreciation to Terri and West Hills for their participation year after year.

5. DISCUSS ACTIVITIES FOR NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN NEVADA MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Judy reported that DBSA will probably have a "Hats Off" again this year. As soon as she hears from their representative, she will report to the Council. NAMI is doing the same basketball-type of fundraiser to acknowledge Mental Health Month, like last year, but there is no place for a table or booth, etc. Judy said to date she has not heard from Suicide Prevention and Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services "SNAMHS," adding they did not participate in Mental Health Month last year.

Alyce advised that she spoke with a doctor and the psycho-social rehab staff from Desert Behavioral Health and Children First to see if they would be interested in being a part of Mental Health Awareness Month. They are interested but cannot find a sponsor. Alyce said she has a call into Spring Mountain Treatment Center to see if they want to sponsor or do something for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Judy said to please let her know if that happens and she will be happy to be a representative. Judy added that with the pamphlets, the Clark County and Southern Nevada fact sheets, and some buttons that only say “May Mental Health Month,” she is ready to go and set up a table.

Dave thanked Judy for what she was doing in the south and updated everyone on the administrative changes at SNAMHS. Dave said he will send an e-mail to Jodie and Chelsea at SNAMHS to see if they are aware of what is going on or if they are partnering, and as soon as he gets a response, he will forward it to Judy. Alyce requested Dave send that information to her as well.

Dave updated the Council on the Mental Health Awareness Month events in the north, again acknowledging that West Hills is an integral partner in the community; NAMI’s Walk is on May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Idlewild Park’s Snowflake Pavilion, and a table will be provided; DCFS is working together with Child Mental Health Awareness Day on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, more details will follow; and, buttons have been ordered through Opportunity Village. Dave also discussed the plans for 2013, like getting an earlier start, piggybacking on a number of SAPTA’s coalitions, and using news articles to get the word out. Dave briefly discussed the brochure, “Who We Are and What We Do,” and concluded saying he will also call Cody at Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services “NNAMHS” to see if she will attend and be a speaker at the NAMI Walk.

Alyce thanked Dave for his report.

6 RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

Alyce and Judy will be working closely together in the south. Corrie stated she is trying to get all the agencies that work with mental health to be involved. Alyce said she reached out to some of the PSR providers and private doctors in MSP to see how they could be of service in promoting Mental Health Awareness Month.

7 REVIEW BROCHURE HANDOUTS AND UPDATE, IF NEEDED

Alyce said Judy has already discussed the pamphlets and handouts and they can be photocopied, and Dave discussed the buttons that will be handed out during Mental Health Awareness Month.

Diane was not clear if the “Who We Are and What We Do” brochure was the same brochure that was handed out during Mental Health Month last year. Dave said yes, and

we will provide that brochure which is general information about the Mental Health Planning Advisory Council.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING

The next MHPAC Behavioral Health Promotion Subcommittee meeting was set for April 4, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. The same topics will be discussed, with the exception of “Review brochure handouts and update, if needed.”

10. ADJOURNMENT

Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Corrie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Diane Dempsey
Recording Secretary