

Approved
MINUTES
of the
Mental Health Planning Advisory Council's
Quarterly Meeting
meeting on
Thursday, January 12, 2012

Video Teleconference Meeting Locations:

held at

Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR)
1325 Corporate Blvd., Conference Room
Reno, Nevada

AND

Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR)
3016 West Charleston Blvd., Room #200, Las Vegas, Nevada

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTIONS –
CORRIE HERRERA, CHAIR**

Corrie called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. By the roll call taken and noted below, it was determined a quorum was present. Diane completed the sign-in sheet.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE RENO LOCATION:

Corrie Herrera – Family Member, Chair
Mechelle Merrill – DETR
Ann Polakowski – DCFS
Cody Phinney – MHDS
Layne Wilhelm – SAPTA
Barbara Jackson – Consumer
Sharon Wilson – DOC (Proxy for Steve Daniels)

MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE LAS VEGAS LOCATION:

Alisha Ash – Consumer/Youth, Vice Chair
Rene Norris – Family Member, Past Chair
Judy Bousquet – Consumer
Alyce Thomas – Consumer/Family Member

MEMBER PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE:

Coleen Lawrence – DHCFP

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lisa Ford – DOE, excused
Debra Parra – Housing, excused
Bryce Willingham – Consumer, unexcused
Britanie Resnick – Consumer (Member pending Governor’s approval)
Denice Pinder – Family Member, unexcused

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Jeanette Belz – Representing the Nevada Psychiatric Association
Judy Martin – PEBP
Tami Jo McKnight – MHDS
Diane Dempsey – MHDS

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MHPAC MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, 2011 (Action Item)

Barbara motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Layne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Corrie stated they will begin with action items first as some members may have to leave the meeting early due to scheduling conflicts.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES (Action Item)

- Access to Behavioral Health Services for Children/Adolescents – Corrie Herrera

Corrie had nothing to report at this time.

- Behavioral Health Promotion (Mental Health Month) – Alyce Thomas

Alyce advised that at their last meeting they did not have quorum and another meeting has to be rescheduled. Alyce will call Diane to set a date.

Cody asked for confirmation as to the members who were on that committee.

Diane stated it was Alyce, Cody, Judy, Rene, and Bryce, with Mechelle as Bryce’s backup.

Sharon commented that at the last meeting they changed the committees to match the goals but the agenda went back to the old terminology.

After discussion and review of the October 19, 2011, minutes, Cody stated that the Access to Behavioral Health Services for Children/Adolescents should read Consumer and Family Member Advocacy Committee on the next agenda. The Advocacy Committee will concentrate on access to behavioral health services, increasing consumer focus, and legislative issues, as needed, and be comprised of consumer and family member representatives, as well as staff members who will act in an advisory capacity.

Cody suggested that Diane prepare a list of those committees with their priorities and send the list to Corrie.

- Nominating Committee – Rene Norris / Alyce Thomas

Alyce said they interviewed three people and were recommending all three for approval by the Council.

Cody added that they have two openings for consumer/family members. The two applications they received from this group were from Jeannie S. (family member), located in Sparks, Nevada, and Susan M. (consumer), from Las Vegas, Nevada. The third applicant, Christy C., (legal/criminal justice) was interviewed, but we do not have an opening at this time, so her application will be held.

Corrie stated she was impressed with all the applicants and asked if there were any other comments or opinions from the Nominating Committee members.

Alyce recommended that the Council members vote to send their applications to the Governor's Office. Judy agreed.

Cody made a motion to forward the applications of Jeannie S. and Susan M. to the Governor's Office, and hold Christy's application in the event there is an opening for her position. Alyce seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Corrie asked if there were any pending applications.

Cody said there were two pending at the Governor's Office, Britanie R. and Sharon W.

6. REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF OLMSTEAD – TAMI JO MCKNIGHT

Tami discussed the handouts on Nevada and Olmstead – A Continuous Examination, dated September 15, 2010, Nevada's Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities,

Annual Report, dated July 2009, and Summary of U.S. Supreme Court's Opinion in *Olmstead v. L.C.* Tami said her review on *Olmstead* is a follow up to a concern that perhaps there were some aspects of *Olmstead* being violated in the State of Nevada, although she was not quite sure what aspects of *Olmstead* were being violated.

Corrie stated the concerns she had centered on the mental health services that needed to be provided, when some of those services have been drastically cut or eliminated, and wondered what position that put the State of Nevada insofar as violating *Olmstead*.

Tami referred to the documents wherein it reads that *Olmstead*, with respect to states, is often misunderstood. *Olmstead* is seen as an entitlement program to community services; but, the states are responsible for providing the services they can provide within budgetary constraints.

From the discussion that followed, Cody asked what additional information this group would like to have related to this issue.

Corrie said she would like to see that a consumer with a mental health diagnosis is informed about mental health services.

Cody added to Corrie's statement, asking if the rural mental health agency engaged consumers in that part of the state with dual diagnosis and mental health services.

Corrie said the priority is clearly the developmental part of it, and she has seen too many times where the mental health services were not offered or explored. Corrie discussed a certain incident.

Cody stated they will get some data from Rural Services about how many dually-diagnosed clients they have and their program.

Discussion followed.

At the request of Corrie and Layne, Tami gave a synopsis on the background of *Olmstead*.

Corrie also mentioned that every state has been federally mandated to develop an *Olmstead* Plan, which Nevada has done quite well.

Tami agreed that Nevada has done quite well and spoke of the uphill struggles with providing one hundred percent of the total quality of care and giving a quality of life to someone with a disability based on *Olmstead's* intention.

Barbara commented on the reason why we are sending some children and adults with disabilities out of state and asked what this does for the people who are in-state.

Barbara also asked for an update on the Recommended Budget Initiative #1, on page

5, in Nevada's Strategic Plan for People with Disabilities, Annual Report, dated July 2009.

Cody responded that this was not the same as the Consumer Assistance Program in Mental Health.

Corrie said that maybe that could be a future item discussed at another meeting to clarify the CAP's.

Cody stated she can bring information about the MHDS Consumer Services Assistance Program.

Layne asked Cody if she knew the number of staff reductions at Rural Services.

Cody said there were some staff reductions at the last budget cycle, although most of the positions had been vacant. Cody stated she can bring the number of staff reductions at Rural Services to the next meeting.

Discussion followed on Olmstead, its fundamentals, and compliance.

Corrie thought this was an important issue for people with mental health disabilities, as well as developmental.

7. NEVADA COMMISSION ON MHDS UPDATE – KEVIN QUINT

Cody said she contacted Kevin Quint, and he was unable to attend today. The Commission has not had a meeting with MHDS. The next MHDS Commission meeting is on March 16, 2012, and the next DCSF Commission meeting is on March 15, 2012. By way of this group's collaboration with Mr. Quint, a meeting is scheduled on January 26th to discuss staffing. Karen Hayes, in the MHDS Office, is providing the Commission's clerical support.

8. ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS' REPORTS – JUDY BOUSQUET

Judy advised that the name of the Drop-in Center has been changed to the Hope House. They have been working with a person from the private sector who is going to be helpful with financing, and a grant from SAMHSA is in the process that will be applied for by the end of this month. Judy said she did not have any specifics at this point but should be able to give a more definite update at the next meeting.

Cody asked if there were representatives from other advocacy organizations who wanted to say something.

Corrie opened the floor.

There were no further comments or discussions.

9. BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 10:24 a.m. Coleen announced that she would have to leave at 10:45 a.m. Cody noted that Alisha joined the meeting in the south, so a quorum was still present. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

10. TRAVEL/CONFERENCE UPDATES – CODY PHINNEY

Cody advised that they have had no travel since the last meeting. There may be a conference in June, but there are no specific dates as yet. Last year DIG, Block Grant, and the Olmstead Conference were combined into one series of events over three consecutive days and it may be something like that again. Information will be provided to the Advisory Council as soon as it becomes available from SAMHSA

11. CMHS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT & PLAN UPDATE – CODY PHINNEY / TAMI JO MCKNIGHT

Cody stated this is the Needs Assessment that is a requirement of the Block Grant Application and Tami has been working on this. They participated in some meetings that the Department of Health and Human Services had related to their grant needs assessment. They also collaborated with the planning from DCSF, and Tami is conducting an analysis on many of the previous documents that have been generated.

Tami reviewed the following highlights of the Needs Assessment to date: Trends for mental health and developmental disabilities, as well as mental health and substance abuse; collaboration with staff from SAPTA and Health and Human Services; participation in Health and Human Services public forums; improving data collecting on specific trends in mental health via CDC's phone survey (depression and anxiety only); public service needs; including information on the prevalence of mental health in Nevada, transportation as a need, homelessness, suicide, domestic violence, substance abuse, co-occurring disorders, and seniors.

Discussion followed.

Cody said the report is due to be done by the end of the month and will be on our website. A copy will be distributed to the members. Feedback is welcome and can be submitted to Tami Jo McKnight at tjmcknight@mhds.nv.gov.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alyce asked who the Acting Administrator is for MHDS.

Cody said Richard Whitley is the Acting Administrator for MHDS, and he is also the Administrator for the Health Division.

Alyce advised that Rene arrived about a half-an-hour ago, and Alisha arrived about an hour ago.

There were no further comments or questions.

13.SET DATE AND TOPICS FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETING(S)

*The next quarterly meeting date is on Thursday, April 12, 2012.

The April 12, 2012, meeting locations will be at the Sierra Regional Center (SRC), 605 South 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada, and the Desert Regional Center (DRC), 1391 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada.

*The meeting date was later changed to April 26, 2012.

Cody wanted to confirm that the agenda items for that meeting were: The CSA Program and MHDS, the CAP Program at Voc Rehab, and the information that was requested on dually diagnosed services within MHDS.

Corrie asked if Cody had anything lined up for integrative services for substance abuse.

Cody can bring some information with what is currently available within the MHDS Division. Cody also asked Layne if he could bring information with what is currently available at SAPTA.

Layne said he will bring some information.

Cody added the standing collaboration with the Commission, the report on our progress on the Needs Assessments and applications, and Committee updates will also be on the next agenda.

Layne also added that Coleen may want to address the Medicaid side of it.

Cody suggested we ask Coleen if she has something to present on Medicaid.

14.ADJOURNMENT

Cody motioned to adjourn. Barbara seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Diane Dempsey
Recording Secretary