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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes
February 24, 2010

Board Members: Susan Brettschneider, George White, Cassandra Sellards-Reck, Armando Herrera, Dana Baker; Kathy McNicholas; and Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark, *Chair*.

Members Present: Susan Brettschneider; Cassandra Sellards-Reck; Armando Herrera; Dana Baker; Kathy McNicholas; and Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark.

Members Absent: George White

Staff Present: Melodie Pazolt; Sela Barker; Connie Colbo; and Melanie Green.

Guests: Baily Hart, Val Ogden Center; Melanie Maiorino, Mental Health Ombudsman; Jim Sherrill, Cowlitz Tribe; Steve Kurtz, Cowlitz Tribe; Nancy Parker, CRMHS; Diane Grendahl, CRMHS; Karen Leonard, CRMHS; Bill Bontems, WSU Vancouver; Phalla Nou; Ken Blair; Pat Stryker, CRMHS; Nancy Gierut-Wicker, SWMC BHS; Kelly Groen, Val Ogden Center; Elizabeth Cotton, Val Ogden Center; Lorne F. Blaylock, Val Ogden Cente; Antonia Mueller, CSNW; Don Koenig, CCS.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Discussion Leaders	Decisions, Actions, Assignments
1. Welcome and Introductions		All	
2. Meeting Minutes Approval for	Review and approved meeting minutes for September, November 2009 and January 2010.	Corrine	Decision: The minutes were approved with minor corrections.
3. Hall of Fame Awards	Commissioner Marc Boldt assisted in the presentation of the awards. The recipients are: Phalla Nou; Korry Holtzlander; and Karen Leonard.	Melanie Green	
4. Employment PIP Awards	Commissioner Marc Boldt assisted in the presentation of the awards. The recipient for the Employer Award is Bill Bontems of WSU Vancouver Café; Employment Professional is Diane Grendahl of CRMHS; and the Employee Award was given to Francellia Williams.	Melodie Pazolt	
5. RSN Manager's Report	Melodie reported on behalf of Connie Mom-Chhing who was unable to attend due to RSN meetings in Olympia. Budget Update – Melodie distributed the letters from the Governor regarding her budget proposal. Clubhouse RFP – RSN thanked Corrine for representing MHAB on the review panel. The Panel reviewed the two proposals received and heard the presentations. RSN expects to announce the decision late this week or early next week. HH RFP – Bidder conference held on 2/22. Melodie Shared the timeframe with the Board. The RSN will be seeking a representative from MHAB to serve on the review panel to be held in April.	Melodie Pazolt	

	<p>Medicaid Rates – All RSNs received notification of Medicaid rate ranges from DBHR. The actual rate for each RSN is expected to be released after the legislative session. Based on current rate ranges, five RSNs are expecting to receive a drop. We felt it important to address issues affecting GCBH specifically. Those RSNs impacted are writing letters to legislators/DBHR to express concerns pertaining to their own RSN as well as issues pertaining to RSNs collectively. Provider Council also joined forces in expressing concerns regarding the rate setting conducted by Mercer.</p> <p>Melodie distributed the letters from RSNs and Provider Council addressed to the DBHR/Secretary/Legislators.</p> <p>RSN Management Team recently conducted a capacity review for the second quarter of this contract fiscal year. Contracts Unit is working on contract modifications to reflect changes in capacity at various agencies. The RSN is limiting capacity expansion through state funding due to current state funding deficit.</p>		
6. Quality Manager's Report	<p>Sela asked the Board for their input on selecting three performance measures. These indicators need to be reported to DSHS by March 31. She will also list rationale for these selections. She provided the Board with a list of other measures for consideration as well a list of non-optional indicators. She is also gathering input from the Quality Management Committee. She will compile all input and present to the Board at the March meeting for their consideration. She has sent the Board the Quality Indicators and the Quality Management Plans. She also forwarded the Acumentra report.</p>		<p>Action: Sela requested the Board forward their responses to her or to Tracy Stief.</p> <p>The Board requested from Sela a summary of the Acumentra report.</p>
7. Ombuds Report	<p>Melanie presented the second quarter report for FY2009-2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were fewer complaints during this quarter. • Complaints by gender—more females vs. males; majority of complaints were from adults. • There was a change in the ethnicity numbers. • Complaints by Type—there were 29 complaints with one grievance which consumer chose to file rather than file a complaint. The agency involved in the complaint was phenomenal in handling the matter. They listened to the complaint and gave an explanation of their actions. There was a good outcome. This consumer has applied for Peer Support Training. • She participated in one Fair Hearing, which was not related to Clark RSN, but assisted a consumer who transferred in from Seattle. • She participated in the following community events: spoke to nursing students regarding mental health issues; goes to Elahan Place to present information on the Ombuds program; is a member of the Clinical Design and Review Committee; will be reporting on a monthly basis to the Enrollee and Stakeholder Committee; attended a statewide Ombuds meeting in Tumwater. She recommended the Board attend the NAMI Christmas party this year. She said it was a wonderful event. 		
8. Mental Health Advisory Board Subcommittee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QRT Committee Report—Armando announced there will be an Older Adult Forum to discuss the issues faced by older adults in our community. The event is scheduled to place on Friday, February 26, at Southwest Washington Agency on Aging & Disabilities from 1-4 p.m. Please attend. • SAAB Committee Report—Armando reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --Lifeline Connections profit and not for profit inpatient options were discussed for the services once known as Deaf Addiction center. 		

	<p>An insurance paid bed costs \$400/day. One state funded bed is \$90.18. The code of conduct for both facilities should be the same. 60-bed availability is usually filled to near capacity. --Budget cuts affecting Detox was discussed. State is cost shifting to counties. Currently 50% is state funded and 50% is county funded. Six of the 16 beds might be cut to reduce a cost of \$328,500. With four beds for private insurance use that means half the state funded beds would be cut. If Detox was eliminated the county must pay \$264, 000 annually for the facility anyway. What would actually be needed from the county is \$64,500. --GAU was discussed. There are huge discrepancies in funding. Getting all 39 SAAB county chairs together to discuss the issue. --A representative of the Vancouver School District discussed the Insight program. It is an alternative program to expulsion. Parent and child must attend four 2-hour classes. Shane Gardner asked about the possibility of a program like that for minors in possession. Drug paraphernalia ordnances were also discussed. The BOCC presentation is scheduled on March 27, 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership Update—Armando • 2010 Goals—Corrine 		
<p>9. Community Input</p>	<p>Melodie Pazolt announced the Employment PIP will be holding another Job Seekers Conference on March 24 at the Center for Community Health. This conference is for all members of the community. Melodie also will be presenting to employers on hiring disabled consumers and benefits to them for hiring and utilizing the work opportunity tax credit on March 17th.</p>		
<p>10. Adjourn - Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting is Wednesday, March 31, 2010, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clark County Center For Community Health, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Conference Room C210-B & C.</p>		