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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes
March 31, 2010

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

Members Present: Armando Herrera, Dana Baker, Kathy McNicholas, and Cassandra Sellards-Reck.

Members Absent: George White, Susan Brettschneider.

Staff Present: Melanie Green; Melodie Pazolt; Sela Barker; Connie Mom-Chhing; Connie Colbo

Guests: Andy Lexow; Aniezka Jenissen, Lifeline; Brad Berry, CVAB; Bridget McLeman, CHSW; Regina Pierre, NAMI; Patrick Barnett, QRT; Teresa Kirchner, CVAB.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Discussion Leaders	Decisions, Actions, Assignments
1. Welcome and Introductions	Armando introduced himself as Acting Chairman.	All	
2. Meeting Minutes Approval for		Corrine	Decision: Minutes for February meeting were approved.
3. RSN Manager's Report	<p>Connie Mom-Chhing reported on the following: She distributed the bill's documents and went over key bills. Focus was on Bill 2882 which did not pass due to insufficient funding. Advocating for more dollars to maintain this bill.</p> <p>Mental health rate—this is still on hold due to a special session still taking place. Foster kid's rate will be included into disabled child rate category. Connie also mentioned that DBHR is looking into implementing a performance based mental health contract for the next contract period.</p> <p>Clark RSN has been facing state mental health funding deficits. It has been reviewing and adjusting capacity for providers on a quarterly basis. On the Medicaid side, If Medicaid enrollee numbers go up, we would get more funding.</p> <p>RSN has received from Mary Thornton a training proposal for CALOCUS/LOCUS assessment tools and is under review by RSN staff. The goal is to implement the two starting with pilots of tools with children and adult provider agencies.</p> <p>Andy Keller from TriWest provided utilization management training for provider network on March 10. The training was attended by providers and RSN staff. UM rollout is effective</p>		

	<p>April 1, 2010.</p> <p>CCRSN has also been holding discussions with Community Health Plan of WA (CHPW) and providers regarding piloting of a project for GAU individuals with mental health, substance abuse, housing, and primary care needs.</p> <p>Hotel Hope RFP—the deadline for submission is April 9, 2010. RSN is currently putting together a review panel.</p> <p>CCRSN intends to release an RFP for Supported Housing in mid-April. The goal is to increase the availability of housing for individuals recovering from mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders and will be seeking to contract with non-profit entity (ies) for planning and development of a housing project (s).</p> <p>CCRSN is inn the process of hiring a Program Coordinator II to step up managing UM functions. This position is a replacement of a prior position that have left vacant during the past several months in order for RSN to assess the staffing support needed for UM functions. This person will serve in multi-roles supporting the clinical, quality management, and other units within RSN.</p> <p>The Val Ogden Center (clubhouse) will begin transitioning VOC staff to CVAB. The Center will be closed April 1 and 2 for this transition.</p>		
<p>4. Quality Manager's Report</p>	<p>Sela Barker reported on the selection of local performance measures. The RSN will need to take the first baseline measurement in the summer. She has submitted the list of three measures selected by Clark County to the state. Four MHAB members provided input on these measures. The QMC also made their recommendations to the RSN Management Team. Sela asked the Board if they would like reports on the measures- the Board indicated they would like to receive them.</p> <p>Sela also reported that the Quality Management team is working with the Care Management team to focus on CCRSN's census at Western State Hospital. During the last quarter of CY 2009, CCRSN was over census on a number of days, resulting in CCRSN payment of liquidated damages to the state. The primary reason for exceeding the census was the reduction the state made to CCRSN's allocation by 5 beds in August 2009.</p> <p>The Quality Management Committee meets next week and will be reviewing quality indicators from the Quality Assurance/Improvement Work Plan having to do with Peer Support. Sela will make sure the reports are sent to Board members before their April meeting.</p> <p>Changes to the Access Performance Improvement Project are being made, effective April 1, 2010. Changes include standardizing data collection of "service requests" and clarifying standards for intake appointment scheduling. Sela will report in a couple of months how the changes have worked.</p>		

<p>5. FBG Quarterly Report</p>	<p>Melodie reported on the second quarter report of the FBG. She reviewed those programs who received grants. There will be information coming out for Mental Health Month in May. Request for Proposal is out now for the next year's grants. Those are due on April 13, 2010. The Board will review on April 14, 2010 as they are due to the state on April 23, 2010.</p>		
<p>6. MHAB Subcommittees Reports</p>	<p>QRT Committee—Armando attended the March meeting. Connie Mom-Chhing reported at this meeting what is and isn't working in the system. Mental Health Division and Substance Abuse Division becoming DBHR were discussed quite extensively. GAU and GAX were discussed along with budget cuts, and eligibility requirements. Clark County is disproportionately receiving less funding than other smaller counties. Funding eligibility changes were discussed relating to Level 1 and 2 individuals. Budget--Medicaid excess is occurring in Clark due to increase in Medicaid enrollees. Connie also explained the difference between state, federal and sales tax funding.</p> <p>SAAB Committee—Armando attended the March meeting. Commissioner Tom Mielke jointed the meeting.</p> <p>Prevention—Angela McKinney and Sondra Storm talked about various community opportunities for our youth to participate in prevention activities.</p> <p>Discussion surrounding drug paraphernalia dealers targeting youth. Disparity between GAU and GAUX eligibility and cost shifting from state to county. With new rules CD patients are not qualifying for benefits affecting jails, hospitals, and employment. Toni Ebi talked about Pseudo-ephedrine restrictions. The State wants to cost-shift which means taking all prevention funding away from counties. Lifeline mentioned Detox would close down if six beds where shutdown. The county would pay regardless. Finding the disparity issue with the GAU funding would be enough money to keep detox open.</p> <p>Membership Committee—Armando asked for volunteers to assist him in screening potential MHAB members. They will now schedule a meeting time to review and recommend applicants to the BOCC for MHAB membership.</p> <p>The Board also called for nominations of a new Chairperson. Dr. Dana Baker was nominated by Armando. The Board agreed that Dr. Baker was the best candidate for this position.</p>		<p>Action: Kathy and Cassy volunteered to serve on the membership committee.</p> <p>Armando called for a motion to nominate Dr. Dana Baker as Chair of the Board. The nomination was made, seconded. Dana accepted this position of Chair of MHAB.</p>
<p>7. Community Input</p>	<p>Regina Pierre, new President of NAMI, introduced herself and handed out information regarding the NAMI Walk on May 23, 2010, and encouraged all present to attend and pass on the information.</p>		
<p>8. Adjourn - Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting is Wednesday, April 28, 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>		