

**GOVERNOR'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING
COUNCIL MINUTES: February 26th, 2007
SRS Learning Center, 2600 SW East Circle DR., Topeka KS
9-3**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wes Cole, Gary J, Parker, Roger Haden, Kimberly Roady, Linda Witten, Steve Erikson, Paul Turnbull, Scott Jackson, Jane Adams, Dr. Roy Menninger, Kevin Cherveney, Marlan Ratzlaff, Cherie Bledsoe

Ex-Officio: Valerie Merrow, Brad Luthe

By conference call during business meeting: Walt Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused): Denise Baynham, Fran Seymour-Hunter, Jo Lowe, Jim Deister, Cecelia Meitzner, Patricia Long, Karen Beckerman, Norma Phillips

MEMBERS ABSENT (Unexcused): none

SRS STAFF PRESENT: Becky Rinehart, Neil Iles

GUESTS PRESENT: See attached sheet

1. **WELCOME/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
Wes Cole, council chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07am. The council and guests in attendance introduced themselves.
2. **LAST MEETING MINUTES:**
Minutes from the December meeting were approved. Minutes are posted on the website after approval. (www.srskansas.org/hcp/mhsip/index.html)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - a) Wes announced that copies of the CAC reimbursement forms are available and will be sent to the chairperson's of the GMHSPC subcommittees. It should be noted that reimbursement pertains to GMHSPC subcommittee meetings only.
 - b) Wes stated that "the block grant is safe..." The President's budget cuts do not include MH block grant funding.
 - c) Wes reported that the Parity Task Force facilitated a presentation for the Legislature. In response, the legislature has established a work group to take a closer look at parity issues.
 - d) Meeting dates for the GMHSPC have been established for 2007 and will be sent to council members. In addition, Secretary Jordan will be attending the GMHSPC on the morning of May 24th. Other leaders will also be invited.
 - e) Wes mentioned that during the previous GMHSPC executive committee meeting, a task force was established to address family issues and supports. Individuals have been identified to serve on the task force.
 - f) Gary Parker encouraged individuals to schedule meetings with their legislative representative for Advocacy Day (3-15-07). See handout.

4. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

- a) Wes stated that the conclusions of the NAMI report card has been reviewed. Some particular issues were identified for further review. Wes also mentioned that Rick Cagan did an excellent job delineating the report for a detailed study. More data needs to be gathered in order to focus on particular issues related to the report card.
- b) Neil Iles gave an update on the Mental Illness Anti-Stigma Campaign. Governor Sebelius signed a proclamation on February 16th proclaiming 2007 Mental Illness Anti-Stigma year. An Anti-Stigma Task Force has been established to address statewide discrimination issues related to mental illness.
- c) Valerie Merrow reported that a meeting has been requested with the Secretary on Aging to establish a focus and direction concerning future projects and goals including, stigma and discrimination associated with the aging population and access to care. Also, urban and rural pilot projects will be established for older adults. The Secretary on Aging and the Secretary of SRS are collaborating to move these projects forward. The GMHSPC executive committee will also review these projects.
- d) Wes met with the Vocational Subcommittee and a work group has been formed to review VR and MH definitions related to population outcomes.
- e) The Forensic subcommittee is scheduled to visit Larned State Hospital on March 8th, 2007. Ms. Gillespie retired and will now be working for Johnson County.
- f) Becky reported that the state planning retreat will be postponed due to protracted work on the PAHP. At this time, efforts need to be focused on the PAHP and issues relevant to SRS before state planning moves forward.
- g) Wes reported that the CRO RFP's will be reviewed on 3-16-07 at the DSOB.

5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS**

1st TOPIC

Liz Phelps, Eric Van Allen, Sarah Riley, Kathy Mosher: Overview of the State Plan, Waiver and Contract for the Public Mental Health System.

The presentation included: Medicaid State plan Amendments, Waivers, Contacts-Pre-Paid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) and Special Purposes Grant. The presenters explained changes to the Medicaid State Plan governing mental health and behavioral health services (visit medicaidtraining.org for more information). "GO DATE"...As of January 2007, CMS approved all proposals submitted with the exception of the package which transitions current level V and level VI residential care facilities into a new category of service, federally defined as Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF). Full approval has been obtained and implementation of the Kansas Medicaid PRTF State Plan will occur on July 1st, 2007. Dissemination of information and education across the state, related to the upcoming

changes, is currently being planned with CMHC's and consumers. Stakeholder meetings will continue every 4-6 weeks prior to and after July 1st, 2007.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed

RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a

TARGET DATE: n/a

2ND TOPIC

Brad Luthe: Mental Illness Anti-Stigma “Just Do It”

Brad Luthe, ex-officio member of the GMHSPC representing the youth of Kansas, presented Power Point on definitions and manifestations of stigma and discrimination related to people with a mental illness. Brad emphasized the importance of caring for and about others that are experiencing a psychiatric condition. Brad also talked about the many famous and accomplished people in our society that have made crucial contributions to the arts, political and social foundation of our communities. Brad has presented for high school groups, the Youth Initiative, various subcommittees, and others interested in reducing or eliminating stigma and discrimination in order to create a more accepting society. Brad answered questions related to the stigma and discrimination that youth struggle with when experiencing a mental illness or serious emotional disturbance.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed

RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a

TARGET DATE: n/a

3rd TOPIC

Lee Flamik, Rick Dalkey: Rural Committee on Mental Health for Children and Families.

Lee Flamik and Rick Dalkey presented rural mental health service delivery issues related to accessibility, availability and acceptability. **Overview:** The frontier voice is often not included and therefore is not considered in forming policy. The issues facing frontier and rural counties are misunderstood and minimized as noted in the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health (pg. 50) The terms “frontier” and “rural” need to be consistently and appropriately defined.

Opportunities to better serve frontier and rural areas include providing flexibility to tailor policy and procedure requirements, allowing for differentials in service requirements and reimbursements, developing frontier and rural “best practices”, removing barriers to partnering, and addressing medical services shortages in frontier and rural areas. The Service Delivery Systems Subcommittee will assist in further researching issues surrounding frontier and rural mental health service delivery concerns.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed

RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a

TARGET DATE: n/a

Public Comment

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm

Guests in Attendance:

Terry Seirer-Becker	Pawnee Mental Health
Kathy Mosher	SRS/HCP MH
Nathan Fawson	SEK Mental Health
Brian Gillespie	SRS/HCP/MH
Nick Wood	SRS/HCP/MH
Marian Turnbull	
Bryce Miller	
Deborah Stern	Kansas Hospital Association
Sherri Luthé	