

**GOVERNOR'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
September 26, 2006—9AM – 3PM  
SRS Topeka Area Office, 500 van Buren, room 147, Topeka KS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Wes Cole, Jim Deister, Scott Jackson, Roy Menninger, Marlan Ratzlaff, Tom Ward, Jane Adams, Gary Parker, Cherie Bledsoe, Karen Beckerman, Linda Witten, Paul Turnbull, Patricia Long, Kevin Cherveney, Fran Seymour Hunter, Valerie Merrow.

**Ex-Officio:** Brad Luthe

**By conference call during business meeting:** Walt Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT (Excused):** Roger Haden, Norma Phillips, Denise Baynham, Sarah Riley, Steve Erikson, Mary Vilmer

**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 9:15 am. The council guests in attendance introduced themselves.
2. **LAST MEETING MINUTES:**  
Minutes from the August meeting were not available for approval. Minutes are posted on the website after approval.  
([www.srskansas.org/hcp/mhsip/index.html](http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/mhsip/index.html))
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - a) Wes announced that notice has been received regarding a new member on the Council. His name is Brad Luthe from Wichita. He will be representing youth on the Council.
  - b) Wes stated that he received a memo from Mike Hammond indicating Mike's concern about the October 4<sup>th</sup> legislative meeting and the information to be presented. The Coalition has set up a process to assist. Information to be shared will also be provided from the Council.
  - c) Wes shared that at the last Coalition meeting he attended, Dr Menninger and the Coalition set up a group of people to work on the "pro's and con's" of moving mental health from SRS to KHPA. The "pros" identified were: 1) opportunities to combine mental health with physical health, 2) all Medicaid funding under one entity and one decider, 3) KHPA could develop inclusive policies that go beyond Medicaid, 4) KHPA becomes responsible for what it is charged to do. The "con's" identified were: 1) risking public mental health care to true managed care, 2) Medicaid lacking knowledge regarding the public mental health system, 3) public mental health funding is preferred over Medicaid mental health funding. Concerns and meetings are ongoing.
  - d) Wes said that he received a memo from Ira Stamm and Steve Feinstein,

co-chair's of the Parity Task Force, that their report will require more work before their presentation can be made to the Council. Anticipating a December Parity Task Force presentation to the Council.

- e) Wes stated that he received communication from Christy Blanchard, chair of the Forensic Sub-Committee, regarding her resignation from the Forensic Sub-Committee taking effect at the first of the year. She is now on a state-wide and national group researching mental illness concerning incarcerated individuals.
- f) Becky Rinehart announced that Neil Iles will be taking minutes in future meetings and distributing them. In addition, in order to provide information to people in an efficient manner, envelopes with information will be provided to individuals in attendance and mailed to absentees. Also, informational Sub-Committee brochures were provided for attendees.

#### 4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1<sup>st</sup> TOPIC

###### Update on co-occurring plan for the state of Kansas

**Becky-** provided handouts on the Co-Occurring action plan for the state of Kansas (Co-Occurring Disorders-C.O.D.), i.e. substance abuse and mental illness. The C.O.D. group members consist of substance abuse providers, the director of AAPS, Gary Parker, Harold Price from Family Life Center, Kathy Harmon from MATTC and others. The Council has previously discussed the possibility of The C.O.D. group becoming a sub-committee. They have decided to remain separate from the council, but will give updates as needed since several council members are on the committee. COCE (Centers for Co-Occurring Excellence) from SAMHSA came in July and gave the C.O.D. group technical advice regarding realistic strategies. The next C.O.D. meeting is set for October 24, 2006. Kathy Harmon will help write the C.O.C.E. grant. The overall state plan implementation is set for July, 2008. The state action plan will be sent to C.O.C.E. for their approval.

**ACTION TAKEN: none needed**

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a**

**TARGET DATE: n/a**

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> TOPIC

###### Transformation Subcommittee update on consumer funding through SRS

**Wes-** \$100,000 has been received from SRS to fund transportation services for consumers and family members to go to subcommittee meetings. TSC currently in the process of defining how many consumers and family members in each subcommittee that they could provide funding for. The TSC is currently developing a website for information. Michelle is working with Sarah at KEYS to develop the website. All information from the subcommittees will eventually be on that website

**ACTION TAKEN: none needed**

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a**

**TARGET DATE: n/a**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> TOPIC**

#### **Questionnaire and visiting MH facilities? (Are Surveys in our future?)**

**Wes-** regarding questions to ask when visiting a program facility as a Governor's Mental Health Planning Council member. The questionnaire and cover letter will be sent out in advance to allow MH facilities to prepare the answers for a visit from the council members. A cover letter will also be sent to GMHSPC members to familiarize themselves with the document.

The Council has a responsibility each year to evaluate all psychiatric facilities in the state of Kansas (Federal Mandate). There appears to be creative and innovative ways to approach this task. Examples of how other states have accomplished this are available for review and comment. The bylaws state: "member/s of the Council, at least once each year, shall visit each psychiatric hospital and shall visit other providers of community based mental health services for the purpose of inspecting the state psychiatric hospital or mental health center, or the facility of other providers of community based mental health services including consumer residents with their permission. Such visits shall be made at such time in such manner as the Council determines at a regular meeting."

**ACTION TAKEN:** The council Executive committee will take a closer look at the issue of questionnaire logistics and determine content.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S:** Executive committee members

**TARGET DATE:** Next meeting

### **4<sup>th</sup> TOPIC**

#### **Gary Parker and Cherie Bledsoe: Community Integration**

Gary Parker and Cherie Bledsoe received scholarships to travel to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to attend the University of Pennsylvania's collaborative on community integration, national state of knowledge conference on increasing community integration of individuals with psychiatric disabilities. The conference consisted of workshops, presentations, panelists, and training sessions. The University of Pennsylvania (collaborative on community integration) partners with the Mental Health Association of Southeast Pennsylvania and Horizon House. They are funded by the National Institute on Disabilities and Rehabilitation Research. Community integration is about "connection and citizenship"...The research and strategies offered by UPenn. could potentially provide beneficial information to the subcommittees. HOPE is the base for everything. According to Gary's research, Kansas seems to be one of the leaders regarding consumer run organizations (CRO). Information can be viewed on the website at [www.upennrrtc.org](http://www.upennrrtc.org)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Becky gathered information from Gary and Cherie and will disseminate after reviewing copyright details.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S:** Becky

**TARGET DATE:** Next meeting

### **5<sup>th</sup> TOPIC**

#### **Wes Cole and Scott Jackson: (SDS Subcommittee Recommendations) Name Change for SMHH's**

**Wes-**The SDS subcommittee studied "community of stigma" related to the name "State Mental Health Hospital." A suggestion was made concerning adopting a new name for SMHH.....something more "up to date".....and with fewer stigmas attached and more consumer and family friendly.

**Scott-**The SDS subcommittee discussed renaming SMHH to create a more consumer and family friendly name. The SDS subcommittee did not develop any specific name changes, however, the committee felt strongly about not having the name “behavior” or “behavioral” within the context of any name change; such as “Osawatomie Behavioral Health Center.” In general, consumers also agree not to include “behavioral” in the future name change.

**Wes-** People seem to demonstrate acceptance of “institute of training” or “rehabilitation” within the name of a mental health facility. We need the support of advocacy groups and consumers. The initiative needs to come from the council then go from there on to the Secretary of SRS and to the Governor’s office or the legislature.

**Discussion:** Clarification of the SMHH’s mission would help in the renaming of the facilities. It was agreed that in order to decrease stigma, surrounding the name of a facility, there needs to be an attitudinal change in society. In addition, Greg Valentine, Superintendent from OSH, commented on the additional funding that might be available with the name change.

**ACTION TAKEN:** It was agreed that further discussion needs to occur on this matter and contributions/ideas from consumers would be helpful to move this process forward.

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S:** Wes Cole

**TARGET DATE:** None set

## **6<sup>th</sup> TOPIC**

### **Carla Drescher-Grants and Contracts Team, SRS MH**

#### **Sandy Hashman: Update on Level 5 and 6**

Six months ago a reorganization took place within central office mental health. The Grants and Contract Team was part of that reorganization process. Part of the Grants and Contacts Team responsibility is to identify what RFP’s are going out, bringing groups together to review RFP’s, and monitoring the grantees once the awards have been made. Concerning RFP’s, the Grants and Contracts Team are trying to establish a broader effort regarding stakeholder, provider, and consumer input. They also look at gaps in services and services that need to be established. The various subcommittees will be important information sources for providing input related to areas that the Grants and Contract Team need to move forward with in the state. The Grants and Contract Team is also trying to dedicate some staff to research additional funding sources for the state. It is hoped that a partnership with the Grants and Contracts Team and the GMHSPC will generate success in establishing increased funding for future projects.

**Sandy-** (Integrated Policy Team Leader), Regarding PRTF,s (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility). The integrated Policy Team has a date of January 1, 2007 for level 5 and 6 to move over to PRTF. In other words, there will no longer be levels five and six; there will be Psychiatric Residential Facilities. Sandy handed out a copy of the Medicaid training website. The website provides information about the state plan and the progress the policy team is making. The website identifies who the individual work groups are and who the representatives are. Stakeholders may contact a representative if they have any input. The Policy Team has been partnering with JJA, KDHE, and CFS to receive input and information. In addition, a lot of input has been received from external stakeholders. Level 6 facilities are already accredited and level 5 facilities are in the process of accreditation. Conditional or provisional

accreditation is required by December, 2006 in order to be a PRTF. The Mental Health grants and contracts team is working on a new grant for PRTFs. There are two key components of the PRTF grant, 1.) (PRIORITY) getting the kids that are currently in PRTF moved out into the community, 2.) Trying to divert kids from entering PRTF. The general vision is to have consumers live within their own community. These efforts are building upon community based services and will require more services to achieve the two goals previously mentioned. Everybody's password to enter the Medicaid website is "Kansas".

**ACTION TAKEN: none needed**

**RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S: n/a**

**TARGET DATE: n/a**

**General subcommittee updates to council & Council Member reports/updates**

**H&H-**Housing and homelessness summit will be held October 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in Wichita at the Central Christian Church of Christ located at 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Wichita. Also, a state-wide housing issues meeting will be held in Salina at the Holiday Inn on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Correction-**the Recovery Conference will be held June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Wichita.

**Forensic-**Forensic subcommittee will be hosting ,with Larned State Hospital, a conference in October (dates to be announced).

**SDS-SC** has not met for awhile. Scott Jackson told the group that at the Association Conference Wes Cole was honored for his long and diligent work for improving mental health services for the state of Kansas.

**Public Comment**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

**GUESTS PRESENT 9-26-06**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>REPRESENTING</u></b>
Debra Dameron	OSH & Rainbow MHF
Sherrie Luthe	Self
Marion Turnbull	Self
Greg Valentine	OSH
Terri Seir Becker	Pawnee
Nick Wood	SRS
Rick Cagan	NAMI
Carla D	SRS
Sandy H	SRS
Kathy M	SRS