

**GOVERNOR'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES: July 19, 2005
SRS Learning Center, Room D
9-3**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wes Cole, Jim Deister, Gary Parker, Marlan Ratzlaff, Paul Turnbull, Scott Jackson, Sue McKenna, Patricia Long, Linda Witten, Mary Vilmer, Walt Hill, Jane Adams, Roy Menninger, Jo Lowe, Cherie Bledsoe, Mary Beth Kidd, Tom Ward

Ex-Officio: Denise Baynham and Valerie Mellow; **Absent Excused:** Karen Ford Manza

MEMBERS ABSENT Excused: Roger Haden, Fran Seymour-Hunter, Carol Dermeyer, Melba Sutton, Norma Phillips, Carol Dermeyer, Kathy Harmon

MEMBERS ABSENT Unexcused: Rose Mary Mohr, Bobbie Rine, Kimberly Roady

SRS STAFF PRESENT: Becky Rinehart

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 and guests in attendance introduced themselves.

2. LAST MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from May 2005 were approved. Minutes are placed on the website after approval.

(www.srskansas.org/hcp/mhsip/index.html)

3. There will be an Executive Committee meeting immediately following the Retreat on August 6.

4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS

TOPIC:

NAMPAC Policy Statement

DISCUSSION:

Wes explained to the council that NAMHPAC, the national organization for MHPACs (Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils) has come out with a policy statement regarding mental health courts. They are asking for feedback from the states on this topic. The Forensic subcommittee has investigated this subject in the past, in fact visiting a couple of states with MH Courts in place. The subcommittee concluded that although these courts may work in some places, they are not appropriate for all places. In fact they may take a more punitive attitude toward the consumers that are involved than regular court.

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<http://www.srskansas.org/hcp/mhsatr/MHmain.htm>

Wes is having the subcommittee write up a statement for NAMHPAC stating the recommendations and thoughts on this subject.

ACTION TAKEN: Wes will bring the statement to the council after the Forensic subcommittee has prepared it.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON (S): Wes Cole

TARGET DATE: 9-05

TOPIC:

Presentation: Mike Hammond, Director, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas

DISCUSSION:

Mike presented the council information regarding the budget and legislative issues the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas is interested in. He also discussed and explained the CMHC system in Kansas.

- The Association would like to review adequate reimbursement for services; the DRG rate, and believe that currently, funding will only sustain (at most) and not build the system of services for Kansas.
- The successes of the system are often overshadowed by anecdotal stories. (Mike says: see Jane's information on Issues)
- Current "Target Population" definitions need to be reviewed.
- Foster Care is a big issue for the centers. A new FC Committee at KU has Sandra Hazlette and Mike on it.
- There is also a joint committee on children's issues.
- The Service Delivery System Subcommittee needs to review legislative issues. All is affected if one area is affected.
- The decision last year to award to Simpatico the HW 19 contract "purely for financial reasons" was not smooth, and there have been "serious problems and issues affecting SED children". There are limits on services, claims are slow or denied, case management is limited, lack of after-hours, and can't get adequate data. (See paper) They have met with the SRS Secretary and believe that there have been "significant performance issues" with meeting their contract. They suggest a carve out for SED kids would be in order or perhaps rescind the contract altogether.
- Medicaid is huge part of publicly funded mental health systems; there is currently a task force at the association trying to do further cost containment and partnerships. In Kansas there is a "Managed System of Care" and don't believe this warrants a "Managed Care System". Wes told the group that he believes it is an issue of "Managed Dollars VS Managed Care".
- Kansas has always been seen as a leader and we need to keep that.
- The council needs to be kept aware of the issues and are federally mandated to review and assess the services in the state annually. Mike believes they can be stronger advocates in the future.

- The Association is looking at a new effort in advertising with the Consortium; possibly new PSA.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed
RESPONSIBLE PERSON (S): N/A
TARGET DATE: N/A

TOPIC:

Subcommittee Annual Report Information

DISCUSSION: Becky reminded the council that if they were on a subcommittee they needed to get the information to their chairperson on the annual reports.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed
RESPONSIBLE PERSON (S): subcommittee members
TARGET DATE: Sept. 21, 2005

TOPIC:

Block Grant Application FY 2006 (Year Two update to FY 05-07)

DISCUSSION: Becky gave the council a copy of the new draft application for the mental health block grant. Council members are to review and send any changes or corrections to Becky ASAP, or by the retreat. The final draft will go in to CMHS by Sept. 1.

In addition, there will be a Block Grant Monitoring Site visit in Kansas on Sept 27-29. The executive committee is invited to attend an afternoon meeting, and other council members can also attend as they would like.

Summit and other reports were handed out to the council for review prior to the retreat on August 5 and 6. Highlighters were also handed out for council members to highlight any areas they were particularly interested in having in the recommendations from the council to the SRS MH authority for inclusion in the five year strategic plan.

ACTION TAKEN: none needed
RESPONSIBLE PERSON (S): Council Members
TARGET DATE: August 6th

TOPIC:

Council Member Reports and Subcommittee Reports

DISCUSSION:

SDS: Scott told the group that the subcommittee is beginning to work on the annual report information gathering.

Aging: Valerie told the group they are working on their report.

VR/SE: Jim Deister told the group he believes the biggest service gap is in the 18-21 year olds (transition aged youth).

Housing and Homelessness: Mary told the council that the 19 and 20 of October will be the annual Housing and Homelessness Summit to be held in Hutchinson.

Children's: Linda talked about the work the subcommittee is doing with regard to an orientation for the council, and the next meeting is July 25 at the library in Topeka. Linda also showed the group a manual that her CMHC is using for the CIT in their area. Emporia is one of the communities in Kansas that have gone through this training and implemented it in their area.

Forensics: Tom told the group that Leslie and Brad are working on the annual report for the council.

ACTION TAKEN: meeting minutes and future meeting dates need to be sent to Becky

RESPONSIBLE PERSON (S): Subcommittees

TARGET DATE: Prior to next meeting

Additional Items:

1. The Kansas Hospital Association has a new Task Force.
2. Wes Cole and Jane Adams were presented with awards from the Kansas Recovery Conference.

TOPIC:

Public Comment

There was no public comment heard.

NEXT GMHSPC MEETING:

The next meeting is the facilitated retreat, set for August 4 & 5, 9-3 Thursday and 9-2 Friday in Topeka, KS. SRS Learning Center Room B.

After that, on Sept. 14 at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library- Marvin Auditorium, 9-3 there will be another meeting with a focus on children's services.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Handouts included in Council Packet:

- √ Agenda
- √ Minutes from May meeting
- √ Updated Meeting Dates: 2005
- √ Reports for review prior to the retreat
- √ Updated GMHSPC/NFC Brochure
- √ Subcommittee Recommendations Grids
- √ Subcommittee Minutes

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