

# Minutes

## Mental Health Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services January 25, 2007 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Denise Dion (Chair), Chuck Frazier (Vice Chair), Peggie Beck, John Brenne, Marilyn Hinds, Charles Kurtz, Remona Simpson, and Joan Staley

**Excused/Absent:**  
**Guests:** Elaine Barrett, Rebecca Curtis, Lucy Morgan, Robert Lawrence, Marjorie Rueling, and Millie Salt  
**Staff:** Becky Murphy and Morgen Brodie

### *Called Meeting to Order*

### **Introductions**

Introductions were made.

### **Review Agenda**

No changes or revisions were made to the agenda.

### **Review Minutes**

**MOTION: Approval of Minutes. Passed.** (Peggie Beck/John Brenne)

### **Announcements**

Denise mentioned her father's death.

### **Updates (Rebecca Curtis)**

Rebecca reported the Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) process is being reviewed – the process of how patients are admitted to nursing homes, policies and rules.

Rebecca is having problems finding databases with needed information while learning Sandra Moreland's job. She is looking at billing elements. Denise explained that the mental health billing system is capitated not fee-for-service which is to give greater accountability to the federal agencies involved.

Rebecca and Denise both commented in the differences of the County Mental Health Plans and summary information. Next time Denise would like GCSS to have more input in the information to be included in the plans.

Discussion on acronyms and the new members. New members received a DHS list of

acronyms.

## **Hospital Master Plan Phase 2 (Chuck Frazier)**

Chuck reported on the Community Support Subcommittee. Because of the weather and road conditions in January, many were on the phone. The draft and recommendations will be available in another week and he will forward it to the Committee. This will include a synopsis towards submitting a bill. The Subcommittee agreed to address older adults and SB 781. There will be more discussion on those leaving the State Hospital, from basic mental health services to enhanced care.

Millie mentioned the mental health needs at Coffee Creek Correctional facility and Bob stated there were many prison system issues.

It was reported there are not many qualified staff (like Tim Malone) in the state.

## **Review of County Mental Health Plans (Charles Kurtz/Denise Dion)**

Charles and Denise received copies of "older adult" information from the plans last week, and will need more time for review.

## **SB 781 & Other Bills (Bob Lawrence/Denise Dion)**

SB 781 was an unfunded mandate last session. Denise distributed a training proposal, the first step in gaining funding. Bob has someone to submit the bill. The proposal is now at the Legislative Council---to be researched and drafted as a bill.

Other supporters for the proposal:

- Marilyn to call Suicide Prevention Plan/Project.
- Rebecca check on Mental Health.
- Bob will check with AARP.
- What about AMH and SPD in a joint effort?
- Denise to check with a colleague from Washington and possibly Margaret Neal of PSU as consultants for training the program.

Suggestions were given regarding needed statistics (cost per person and savings) and outcomes.

**Other:**

Bob mentioned two bills that would make applicants for public assistance submit to drug testing. If testing is positive, the State provides three months of treatment. Failure can lead to cases to close.

SB 116, the Guardianship Program, is a bill the Elder Abuse Committee is supporting.

## **Older Adult Suicide Prevention Plan (Marilyn Hinds/Denise Dion)**

Encouraged members to participate in meetings at the host sites.

### **Agenda Items for next Mental Health Meeting (3/22/07)**

- Invite CJ Reid for addiction information/update. (How does the systems for addictions and mental health flow?)
- Disparity of facilities on taking Medicaid clients with dementia, etc.

**Adjourn**