

Minutes

Mental Health Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services May 24, 2007 Department of Human Services

Attendees: Chuck Frazier (vice-chair), Marilyn Hinds, Charles Kurtz, Lucy Morgan, Millie Salt, Joan Staley

Excused/Absent: Denise Dion (E), Peggie Beck (E), Marjorie Reuling (E), Remona Simpson (E)

Guests: Rebecca Curtis, Lynn Hanson

Staff: Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order 3:07

Review Agenda: There are no additions or corrections

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept with Patty as excused in the roster. Marilyn/Lucy. Passed.

Announcements:

Bob went to mental health caucus. Senator Monnes-Anderson and Bates gave a presentation. Bob Nikkel spoke about keeping the budget. SB184 has been introduced and asks for more addiction treatment. **Get the notes from Bob.** They would like to see that the new hospital not be "institutionalized" like the current hospital. They are also contracting out nursing services at this point, which is not cost effective. There needs to be more community services for those trying to transition from both the hospital as well as the correctional system. It was pointed out that most mental health services are provided thru the counties yet there is a huge disparity of funds from county to county. There will be added money from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and an added provider tax that hopefully will help provide more services.

Get more information on EAST project.

Does the commission want to write a letter to support the 6.1 million for senior geriatric specialists in the 25 million from the mental health coalition.

DHS Reports

SPD (Lynn Hanson)- Works primarily with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Lynn gave her history of working for DHS for the past 7 years and before that she worked in facilities doing social work. She is new to the enhanced care team. DHS is looking into developing joint facilities for both SPD and AMH clients. Enhanced care works with people in SPD with mental health issues or TBI. Lynn answered questions regarding the Brain Injury registry.

AMH Division (Rebecca Curtis)- The Mental Health division is really busy with legislation and the mental hospital. There are many bills in ways & means. Rebecca forwarded the draft template for the county implementation on to person who chairs committee. The committee will start in fall working on what they want counties to respond to. The 2007-2009 plans were not very descriptive and they will be asking for more detail in the 2009-2011 plans.

Questions were answered regarding how the systems work now and how they need to be to function realistically.

The committee would like a report on how the older adult forums turned out and what follow up has been done.

The Committee would also like to look at the older adult population in the tribal community and their specific mental issues.

Work Plan Development & Reports

Hospital Master Plan II (Chuck Frazier)- At this point it is in ways & means.

County Mental Health Plans (Charles Kurtz)-Talked of preparing letters to recognize counties who have good programs and offering technical assistance to those who need it. He and Denise are trying to decide who should receive letters and which type.

Mental Health Caucus/Coalition (Gina Nikkel)- SB881 which Requires Department of Human Services and local mental health authorities to work together to create local and regional plans providing services to persons with mental health disorders is sitting in ways & means at this point. The group is asking for 6.1 million for senior mental health, 10 million for crisis services, and also money for corrections.

Gina reminded folks that there is still time to influence legislators. She met with the human services subcommittee and let them know that the money saved and reported in the balance reshoot needs to go back in the DHS for mental health and addictions services. The legislators will decide by the end of next week if that will be done. Gina recommended that the Commission write a one-page letter on why the senior mental health services should be funded.

It costs the state \$558 per day for clients in the state hospital; those services cost \$124 a day out in the community. It is very important to fund front-end services before someone goes into crises.

Letters should be written to keep the \$6.1 million for senior mental health services in the hospital master plan. The letters should be very specific on how that money should be used. That includes a senior mental health specialist in each community. Remind legislators that this money would include funding for the baby boomer generation, which is on the rise.

SB847, which directs the Department of Human Services to create pilot project to train mental health professionals in serving mental health needs of older adults, is still in ways

& means. A letter needs to go to Senators Carter and Schrader asking for the bill to be heard.

As soon as the legislative session is over, the coalition will start putting together policy option packages for the 2009-2011 session to present to DHS.

The Commission discussed what has happened with the Community Mental Health Coalition and its priorities when the possible funding was cut. The top priority is now acute care hospital beds. The coalition intends to stay together to gain more momentum for the next legislative session.

The Commission would like to have community partners including those in the mental health field to be included in the future of long term forums they are rolling out in the fall. The Commission would like to invite directors and program managers of local programs to discuss what services are provided in their area.

Recommend to full commission to support SB881 specifically the seniors part and SB847 to write letters.

Agenda for next Committee Meeting

Invite Lynn & Rebecca back.

CJ Reid would be available.

Denise & Charles presentation to social workers and Charles would like to have Denise give that presentation to the commission as noontime speaker.

Adjourn 4:46