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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes
June 29, 2011

Board Members: Dana Baker; Armando Herrera, Christyna Hengstler, Kathy McNicholas, Nahid Razzaghy, Phinthang Yeang, Veronica Mo, James Mead, *Chair*; Christie Kratovil, Cassandra Sellards-Reck

Members Present: Christyna Hengstler, Kathy McNicholas, Nahid Razzaghy, James Mead, Phintang Yeang, Armando Herrera, Veronica Mo, Cassy Sellards-Reck, Christie Kratovil

Members Absent: Dana Baker

Staff Present: Melodie Pazolt, Connie Colbo; Connie Mom-Chhing, Sela Barker

Guests: Aaron Chidester, United 4 Life; Cindy Stevens, Lifeline Connections; Becky Hill, SWMC Adapt

Agenda Item	Discussion	Discussion Leaders	Decisions, Actions, Assignments
Welcome and Introductions	The Chair welcomed all and asked the Board and members present to introduce themselves. James asked for two Board members to attend SAAB meetings. He currently attends and holds no voting privileges, as he represents MHAB	James Mead	Action: Cassy volunteered to attend these meetings.
Meeting Minutes Approval	Minutes for May were reviewed.	James Mead	Decision: The Board unanimously agreed to approve May meeting minutes
Unite 4 Life Presentation	Mr. Chidester presented information about his program, Unite 4 Life, a comprehensive depression awareness and suicide prevention program for middle and high schools. The program consists of six phases which are Faculty Gatekeeper Training; School-Wide Assembly; Classroom Presentations; Parent Education Night; Community Resources; and Post-Suicide Crisis Response. He shared his programs history and the need for this program. He also his programs outcomes. Handouts regarding his program were distributed. Kathy suggested that Mr. Chidester connect with Mick Hoffman, director of the Vancouver school district. Melodie also referred him to the Youth House, NAMI, and CVAB as potential entities for partnership with this effort.	Aaron Chidester	
RSN Manager's Report	RSN/DBHR Contract Amendment – proposed amendment was received today for the period of July 1 – Sept. 30, 2011. It is on its way to our attorney's office for review. Effective February 1, 2011, payment for services from the Hospital Safety Assessment will be reimbursed on a fee for service basis. The reimbursement amount will be a lump sum for February through May 2011 and monthly thereafter. RSN/Providers Contract – Ron Curtin, our Contract Manager, has been working on the providers' contracts for the next fiscal year. Contracts have gone out to providers for review and signature. Amendment to contract included a shift from quarterly to annual payment reconciliation to cut down on administrative costs and inclusion of cost in providers' contract the IS Avatar licenses. EHR Update – CCRSN is moving forward with implementation of electronic prescribing,	Connie Mom-Chhing	Action: Majority of Board members would like to further hold a dialogue with SAAB with regards to potential joint meetings and/or work session.

	<p>InfoScriber, in August/Sept 2011. This is a module within our existing within our data system. RSN will cover the costs of implementation.</p> <p>MH/SA Service Integration – A position to focus on planning for implementation of MH/SA service integration is being posted. This position will be reporting to the RSN Administration in conjunction with the Department of Community Services, Executive Management Team, and Department Director. It was opened for two weeks and applications will be reviewed next week. Hope to complete the interview process and bring someone on board by the end of July.</p> <p>SWWA Regional Healthcare Authority (RHA) – Vanessa Gaston, Director of the Dept. of Community Services, will be meeting with mental health, substance abuse, and housing providers to give an update on the latest efforts on the development of RHA. She would like to extend the invitation to all MHAB members to join the meeting scheduled for July 20, 2011 from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. at CCS building, Conference Room B/C.</p> <p>Integrated Behavioral Council – DBHR is moving forward with the integration of the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council and Citizen Advisory Council. There is a transition work group (3 members from MHPAC and 3 members from CAC along with DBHR staff) working with a consultant to develop the structure of the new Behavioral Council. Composition of the Behavioral Council is also driven by CMS.</p> <p>A few Board members expressed an interest in furthering the dialogue with the local SAAB to address co-occurring issues. Armando currently chairs the SAAB and willing to explore this topic further. Connie added that the decision to eventually merge or integrate both boards will be up to the Board of County Commissioners. Currently, MHAB is a part of a status. RSNs are required to have advisory boards in place. Concerns were also brought up with regards to integration, such as the potential need to lengthen the meeting timeframe, board members’ interest in one area vs. another.</p> <p>Mental Health Federal Block Grant – Division of Behavioral and Recovery (DBHR) will be submitting an integration block grant application to CMS as required by September 2011. The funding amount allocated for mental health and substance abuse will remain separate. There is a shift of focus to using the block grant to fund support services. This is a significant impact to the substance abuse side as they have been using the dollars for treatment. Funding formula will be changed to base on community need assessment rather than population based.</p>		
<p>Quality Manager’s Report</p>	<p><u>EQRO 2011 Report</u>—received draft report, with opportunity to review and comment—auditing final report from the state after Acumentra Health (the EQRO External Quality Review Organization) finalizes—will send final report and review key results with MHAB after we receive the report. The draft shows mostly positive results.</p> <p><u>QM Plan Evaluation (2009-2011) & Draft Plan & Work plan</u> will be reviewed by the WMC next week, then approved by RSN Executive team. MHAB input has been incorporated into the final drafts—the final drafts will be sent to MHAB for final review.</p> <p><u>Level of Care Implementation</u>—RSN is making progress on Phase 1/year 1 of the 3-year plan. Two pilot agencies (Family Services and Community Services Northwest) have been trained on use of the CA/LOCUS assessment tool that is used for placement at defined levels of care. Created draft crosswalk that matches levels of care, services, and authorization types, which will be tested with the pilot project agencies beginning in the next month, and lasting for 3 months. During the pilot phase, RSN will be working with agencies, IS and consultant and adjusting as necessary for full implementation next fall.</p>	<p>Sela Barker</p>	

	<p><u>Training Initiative on Medicaid Compliance</u>—completed four days of training (two in May directed at Executive Directors, Clinical Managers; one at clinicians on the topic of Medicaid compliance). This week there was a two-day follow up training funded by grant money, targeted at direct service staff on documentation skills.</p> <p><u>Performance Tossed Contracts</u>—the state is working on shifting to performance-based contracts, which would include setting aside some portion of payment contingent on meeting defined performance measured benchmarks.</p>		
MHAB Subcommittee Reports	<p>Due to time constraints, the subcommittee reports were not presented but were submitted in writing to recorder for inclusion in these minutes.</p> <p><u>SAAB Meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Calvert Lifeline Mgr. of Adult Outpatient Unit Reported that Suboxon treatment was expanding; reduces cravings after treatment as opposed to other treatment methods; participants must be in Lifeline treatment services of some sort. Treatment time is six to twelve months; 100 patients being treated; \$3500 for six months of treatment; • Brad Finegood reported that there are seven Therapeutic Courts. They serve drug treatment (17 in the state and 2400 nationwide), family treatment, juvenile recovery, substance abuse, domestic violence, Veterans, mental health. • Prevent mentioned Angela Zahas was leaving effective in July and DeDe reported 100 applicants have applied for her position. • Sondra Storm reported applying for a \$75,000 two-year grant. • The BOCC presentation was discussed. It will be at the Lords Gym again. • There was discussion surrounding combining Developmental Disabilities MHAB and SAAB into one Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board. • Cleve Thompson reported on status of grants and budget issues. <p><u>QRT report:</u></p> <p>The QRT members completed a ballot to prioritize the focus of their efforts this year. One member of the QRT attended the WA Behavioral Health Conference as well as the statewide QRT/Ombuds training. The QRT is working on a schedule of speak-outs related to access of mental health services. The QRT is interested in learning why individuals on Medicaid don't access services (penetration rate)?, if they have experienced difficulties in the process of accessing mental health services or challenges re-accessing services after they have left services.</p> <p>Phin Yeang reported on the DSHS Behavioral Health & Aging Conference she attended with Connie Mom-Chhing. Veronica Mo also attended. The conference discussion focused on topics of integration of services, gambling issues, home visiting, and fastest growing population.</p>	Board Members	
Community Input	<p>Melodie announced that HGAP is winding down effective June 28. However, they will still be available for drop-in services.</p> <p>Melodie will send the Board information on the Disability Lifeline meetings.</p>	All	
Adjourn - Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting is Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clark County Center For Community Health, 1601 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Conference Room C210-B & C.</p>		