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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes
January 28, 2009

Board Members: Quan Tran; Cassandra Sellards-Reck, *Chair*; David Weniger, *Past Chair*; Judi Borchers, *Member-at-Large*; George White, *SAAB*; Dana Baker; Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark, *Vice-Chair*; and Susan Brettschneider

Members Present: Quan Tran, Cassandra Sellards-Reck, David Weniger, and George White

Members Absent: Judi Borchers

Staff Present: Connie Mom-Chhing, RSN; Pat Roe, RSN; Karyl Ramsey, RSN

Guests: Lisa Shannon, CRMHS; Becky Hill, SWMC-ADAPT; Melanie Maiorino, MHO; Brad Berry, CVAB; Don Greenwood, NAMI; Patrick Barnett, QRT

Agenda Item	Discussion	Discussion Leaders	Decisions, Actions, Assignments
1. Welcome and Introductions		All	
2. Meeting Minutes Approval for	Minutes from November 18, 2008 meeting approved by Board.		
3. Crisis Services Presentation	Karyl Ramsey and Marlene Burrows provided an overview of services provided by Crisis Services. They provide the first response for short-term crisis management to all consumers served under the current contract. Crisis services are designed from a recovery-based principles and practices. They focus on the least restrictive alternatives and keeping residents in the community for treatment. They provide telephone crisis intervention via a crisis line, and services for all county residents 24/7; element of care evaluations for Clark RSN; consultation for all community members; and implement the Involuntary Commitment Statutes. Board members expressed their appreciation for direct access to crisis services. George requested that this information be presented to the Neighborhood Association, as it would be helpful to them.	Marlene Burrows/ Karyl Ramsey	
4. Ombuds Report	Melanie Maiorino presented the FY 2008-2009 first quarter report data. The report included data for complaints by gender; age group; ethnicity; type; source of call; type; occurrence; and resolutions by type. Melanie also expressed a concern that there are consumers who do not think that they are ready to terminate mental health services when the agency indicates they are well enough to receive medication management services from primary care providers. They do not feel they are ready to go. Some consumers have also expressed apprehension about primary care providers prescribing psychotropic medications. At least twice a week, her office receives calls about the availability of Medicare mental health service providers for consumers moving out of Medicaid	Melanie Maiorino	

	enrollment. Another concern is the time it takes for consumers across all ages to secure a first medication appointment. Her recommendation is to have multi-system collaboration to ensure consumers of mental health services are not being “burned out” by duplicate requirements and obligations. Systems of support that include follow-up especially when consumer transfers from community mental health agency to primary care provider for medication management. Also, being able to follow-up after a person leaves the public mental health system.		
5. Officer Elections for Executive Committee	Selection Committee nominated the following members for Executive Committee positions: Chair—Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark Vice-Chair—Judi Borchers Member-at-Large—Armando Herrera Immediate Past Chair—Cassy Sellards-Reck Other nominations were requested. The current Chair, Cassy Sellards-Reck was nominated to continue as Chair. The motion was not seconded. The motion was again put forward to vote on the currently nominated members. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.	Quan Tran/Dave Weniger	Action: The motion passed and new Executive Committee members were approved.
6. MHAB Subcommittee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Selection Committee—Quan informed Board that he and Dave will be interviewing a potential member to board that will represent city law enforcement. He mentioned he is also working on getting Rep. Jaime Herrera to sit on board. An interview will be scheduled for potential new member, preferably during the noon hour to accommodate the interview panel. ➤ QRT—George reported that the committee has elected new officers. They are Ken Clark, Chair; Patrick Barnett, Vice-Chair; and George White, Member-at-Large. He also asked the Board if Patrick would be approved to serve another three-year term on QRT. It was noted that Patrick will also represent the QRT at the Enrollee and Stakeholder Committee meetings. The QRT also interviewed a new potential member, Gayle Gustafson. The QRT requested MHAB approve her membership in QRT. The QRT will also be providing their meeting notes to the MHAB on a regular basis. 	Quan Tran George White	<p>Actions: The Board approved for Patrick to continue another term on the QRT.</p> <p>The Board approved the appointment of Gayle to serve on the QRT</p>
7. Community Input	Melodie Pazolt informed the Board that the PIP Employment did their data run through September. She reported the rate is 7.8% of mental health consumers are currently employed. She will be reporting on a regular basis to the Board throughout 2009.		
Adjourn - Next Meeting	The next public meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 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.		