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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mental Health Advisory Board Minutes
May 25, 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: James Mead; Phintang Yeang; Dana, Baker; Armando Herrera; Veronica Mo; Cassy Sellards-Reck; Christie Kratovil;

Members Absent: Christyna Hengstler; Kathy McNicholas; Nahid Razzaghy

Staff Present: Melodie Pazolt, Connie Colbo; Melanie Green

Guests: Don Koenig, Catholic Community Services (CCS); Rick Leverenz, Lifeline Connections (LLC); Becky Hill, SWMC Adapt; Melanie Maiorino, Ombuds; Bridget McLeman, CHSW

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 Mead	
Meeting Minutes Approval	Minutes for April were reviewed.	James Mead	Decision: The Board unanimously agreed to approve April meeting minutes
Mental Health Awareness Month ~ Appreciation Awards	Melanie awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Joyce Swanson and Cindy DeLano for their hard work and assistance in making the Recovery Quilt. She also recognized Randy Fulman for creating a buzzer system for the annual Mental Health Quiz Show game.	Melanie Green	
NARA Presentation	Dr. Linda Bane Frizzell, Project Director/Principal Investigator, Native American Rehabilitation Association, presented on Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board System of Care SAMHSA Project, Nak-Nu-Wit. The project provides advocacy, intensive services and supports, with a blend of traditional culture and western approaches included. These services are for AI/AN children, youth and their families who are working to overcome trauma, find balance and restore their emotional, physical, mental and spiritual health. Those eligible for services include: youth 9-21 years old; diagnosed as, or at risk of becoming, seriously emotionally or behaviorally disturbed; Residents of Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas Counties, in Oregon and Clark County in Washington; Involvement in at least 1 other child-serving system, such as child welfare, juvenile justice, special education, etc. in addition to behavioral health; are American Indian or Alaska Native children and youth. She also reviewed criteria for inclusion. They collaborate with Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA), State of Oregon, and Portland State University. Some required services are diagnostic and evaluation services; Care Management and Individualized Service Plan; Outpatient services; Emergency services; and intensive day treatment, respite care, therapeutic foster care, to name a few. Their goal is to transform the current system. The Project will address the identified	Dr. Linda Frizzell	

	barriers for access and continuity of care driven by the theory that there is “no wrong door for access to System services.”		
RSN Manager’s Report	<p>Melodie Pazolt reported the following on behalf of Connie Mom-Chhing who was out of town attend RSN/DBHR meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging Forum - Connie attended the forum with Phin. The forum was held in SeaTac. She would like to thank Phin for attending on behalf of MHAB. Veronica was also in attendance. • Ending of HGAP • MCO RFP - This was sent out to MHAB members and providers. DSHS is soliciting comments. Deadline for commenting is May 27th. We encourage the Board and providers to comment on the RFP. Vanessa will serve on a committee, representing Counties, to review the RFP. • Change in RSN staff - Mike Stine will be leaving the RSN to accept a Clinical Manager position with Mid Columbia Valley Center for Living. Last date of employment is June 14. We are working on transition of tasks. We thank Mike for all his work for the RSN and wish him the best of luck with his new position. • Regional Healthcare Authority - Vanessa and the Planning Group has been presenting to various stakeholders on the concept of RHA. She and Dale Jarvis, our consultant, has been asked to join the Health Foundations/DSHS meeting that took place today. • Contract Modification - RSN is working on contract modifications for next Fiscal Year. No major changes with the Medicaid contract with the State. There is a removal of the Access to Care Standard on the non-Medicaid contract. Clark RSN is the only RSN who will use non-Medicaid for MH outpatient. Given the Non-Medicaid shortfall, we will still continue to use the Access to Care Standards to guide the use on non-Medicaid funding for outpatient. • Level of Care pilot implementation - Mary Thornton provided training on the tools for pilot sites: CSNW and Family Solutions. Each site is working on an implementation plan. The pilot implementation will occur over the summer and plan for system rollout in the fall. 	Melodie Pazolt	
Ombuds Report	Melanie presented the third quarter report for FY 2010-2011. She reported occurrences by age, contact, ethnicity, and type. The average number of days to resolve these resolutions was 7.2. She thanked Hank Balderama, DSHS; CCRSN; CRMHS, and the consumer for working through a complaint issue on the lowest level. She also noted that consumers had reported difficulties in obtaining Ombuds information from agencies. She reminded service providers that of the their clients consumer rights (WAC 388-865-0410). One recommendation was to establish a protocol for “backdoor” services and quick access to “physicians and medications” for those consumers re-entering the mental health system. She also listed the trainings and meetings she attended during the quarter.		
MHAB Subcommittee Reports	Due to time constraints, the subcommittee reports were not presented. Phin’s report on the DSHS Behavioral Health & Aging Conference she attended with Connie Mom-Chhing is tabled to June meeting.	Board Members	Action: Phin will report in June on the DSHS Behavioral Health & Aging Conference.
Community Input	Melanie reminded all of the MH Quiz show on Friday, May 27, at noon. Players are still needed.	All	
Adjourn - Next Meeting	The next meeting is Wednesday, June 29, 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.		