

## **MENTAL HEALTH OVERSIGHT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

January 10 & 11, 2008  
MACo Conference Room  
Helena MT

Members attending: Joan Daly, Joyce DeCunzo, Leslie Edgcomb, Jim FitzGerald, Keith Foster, Gary Hamel, Bill Hodges, Suzanne Hopkins, Andy Hunthausen, Trent Lear, Esther Kramer, Trent Lear, Dorothy McCartney, Marty Onishuk, Gerald Pease, Tom Peluso, Gary Popiel, Jo Shipman, Karen Ward, Patrick Wayne, Dan Weinberg. Bonnie Adee attended, filling in for Mary Dalton.

Members having excused absence: Bob Jahner.

Unexcused absence: Lenore Stiffarm and Frank Podobnik

Staff: Dan Ladd, Marcia Armstrong, Carol Davidson, Karl Rosston, Dennis Cox, Jane Wilson

Guests: Brian Garrity, Natalie Bolon, Patti Jacques, John Wilkinson, Tracy Velasquez , Rita Pickering, Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson, Sue O;Connell

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Jim FitzGerald, who welcomed all members, guests and AMDD staff. The Summary of the previous meeting was reviewed by the membership, Gary Popiel moved they be accepted, seconded by Trent Lear.

Chair FitzGerald introduced Karl Rosston to the group. Karl was recently hired by AMDD as the Suicide Prevention Coordinator, and will basically be working under the Director's office, but will have his office at AMDD. He presented an overview of his duties and provided his telephone number and email address.

The Chairman stated the purpose of the MHOAC, stating we are charged with prioritizing Mental Health needs for all ages, and we need to be a part of the process as advisory group. We are charged with both adults and children and need to think planning and processing, and maintain our focus on Mental Health.

Following the meetings of standing committees, reports from each were given:

#### **Development:**

Vacancies were discussed and how to fill them. Committee will send letters to those persons known to them that are interested in serving. The Development committee worked on the "Super" Summit and established a list of who to have at the table.

#### **Block Grant:**

The Block Grant should be on every meeting agenda to follow the Schedule to meet the deadlines; work closely with the Children's MH Bureau. Reminder the Grant must be completed by September

#### **Advocacy :**

Gary Popiel will be the chair; the group will work closely with the Task Forces.

Bonnie Adee provided the Children's Mental Health Bureau report for Mary Dalton.

Joyce DeCunzo gave the report for AMDD. Among the items she reported was that the census at the Montana State Hospital for today's date was 220, and that the Hospital is geared for a population of 189.

Joan Daly, representing the SAA's, presented the SAA Strategic Planning document listing the SAA's priorities.

Marcia Armstrong reviewed the Block Grant Criterion, and was presented with a plaque and a standing ovation honoring her for her many years of dedication to the work of the MHOAC. She has accepted another position within AMDD, and will no longer serve as the liaison.

The Task Forces met in their respective groups for the purpose of establishing Legislative priorities. Reports by the chairs are as follows:

The chair of the *Workforce Development* Task Force, Bill Hodges, reported on the work of group:

### **Workforce Development Action Planning Matrix**

#### **PURPOUS:**

Develop the plan for a statewide system that enhances Montana's ability to recruit and retain qualified MH professionals for children and adults. To include:

- Psychiatrists
- APRN's
- Psychologists
- Master's level therapist
- Peer services

#### **GOAL:**

HPSA (Health Policy Shortage Area) designation for all Montana Counties

- Resources
  - Dan Ladd
  - John Schreck
  - SAA's
- Timelines
  - In progress

Loan forgiveness or tax credits from the state for qualified MH professionals

- Timeline
  - Would need General Fund from state

Telemed for psychiatry

- Barriers
  - Will need increased psychiatrists for more coverage. For both adults and children.
- Resources
  - Lou Thompson/ Montana State Hospital
  - Keith Foster/ Mary Dalton for kids

- Timeline
  - In process

#### APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse)

- Resources
  - MSU developing APRN program
  - Eve Franklin
- Timelines
  - In progress, will need financial support from State.
  - Projected completion – 18 months

#### Residency Program 3 – 4 year, Billings Clinic Psychiatrist development

- Resources
  - Billings Community Crisis Center working on this with Joan Daly
  - WAMI Program/ Jay Erickson
- Timelines
  - In progress, approximately two years before up and running. Will need financial support from State.

#### Psychologist prescriptive authority question

- Barriers
  - Possibly a 2-year course for psychologists to have limited prescriptive authority.
- Resources
  - Department of Defense (VA) - Hawaii and Louisiana are utilizing this resource.
- Timelines
  - Upcoming Legislative Session

#### Psychiatrist/ LCSW/ LCPC/ provider development/ recruitment/ retention/ reciprocity issues

- Barriers
  - Lack of attractive recruitment packages. Board of SW/PC issues
- Resources
  - John Wilkinson
  - Governor's office?
- Assignment
  - John Wilkinson
  - AMDD, Department to facilitate discussions between Governor's office and Boards.
- Timelines
  - September 2008

#### How are primary care physicians educated to care for these patients?

- Resources
  - Partially covered in #2, (telemed from MSH)
  - Joyce, Lou, MSH

- AMDD endorsement or through contractual agreements
- Action Steps
  - Specific EPP request for training funds
  - CME required for MD's?
  - Can we support providers to engage in NAMI trainings
  - NAMI trainings for school districts
- Timelines
  - Begin from MSH, March 2008.
  - Would need State funding for more specific trainings.

#### Funding/Reimbursement Issues

- Barriers
  - Would need to change state plan
  - Stigma
  - Income guidelines
- Resources
  - Marcia Armstrong
  - Marty Onishuk
- Action Steps
  - Peer services reimbursement
  - Reimbursement for various providers
- Timelines
  - 2009
  - Would need increased general funds for Medicaid to match

#### **Crisis Workforce Matrix**

##### PURPOSE:

Identification, development and implementation of evidenced based crisis services. Utilization of evidence based accessible services to include all individuals, adult, children and seniors at the community level.

##### GOAL:

Local secure crisis facilities

- Barriers
  - Funding
  - What does it look like? In a hospital or stand alone?
  - Sustainability
  - Size and Design
  - Staffing
  - Medicaid / Medicare eligible
  - Community care vs State Hospital
  - Lack of community will to support a crisis center
  - Public education on mental illness
  - Lack of business model
- Resources
  - Potential hospital participation
  - Combine with other services – ER care
  - Private funding

- Lease back to AMDD
- Multiple services from one facility
- NAMI
- Community partners
- Law Enforcement
- Reallocate funding for 100 state hospital beds to local centers
- Action Steps
  - Identify resources and how to demonstrate success
  - Study current models from other states
  - Create blueprint of entire operation from conception to providing services
  - Problem solving sessions with stakeholders and experts for the development of viable model.
- Assignment
  - Research
  - Guide facilitation on the development of a “Blue Print” for local community crisis services
  - Sustainability
  - Quality of positive outcomes (measurable data) through research and communicate this a local level.
- Timelines
  - Now

#### Mandated CIT Training for Law Enforcement Officers

- Barriers
  - Time off
  - Budget concerns – costs – funding
  - Travel
  - Course too long
  - Players in current system resistance to change
- Resources
  - Potential State funding
  - Make training a part of LE academy
  - NAMI/ LEAP program as alternative or stopgap
  - Deb Matteucci
  - Joyce DeCunzo
  - Tom Peluso
- Action Steps
  - Recommend to Legislature
  - Take to Super Summit
  - Expand training of all law enforcement personnel involved in crisis mental health situations
  - To include state wide CIT program standardization:
    - Mandate academy expansion to include Cit concepts
    - Address funding and training of personnel
    - Explore requirements in certification of First Responders and LPC, nursing and caregivers
  - Possible EPP request for training video
  - Web based to rural communities with State/County collaboration
  - LEEP – Law Enforcement Education Program

- Assignment
  - Follow up assigned to Crisis Task Force

#### Improve Crisis Services for Children

- Barriers
  - Funding Child vs Adult services and funding Respite Care System infrastructure
- Resources
  - Possible State funding
  - Foster Care System
  - KMA's
  - SOC
- Action Steps
  - Recommend to Legislature
  - Take to Super Summit
  - Education system and prevention in primary care system.
  - Improve screening and risk assessment
  - Transition services
  - Funding of accessible, "immediate" crisis services at local level (no wrong door) for children and families
- Assignment
  - Crisis Task Force follow up

Hearing no public comment, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 11 AMDD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Chair Jim FitzGerald called the meeting back to order reconvening at 9:00 am. The works of the two Task Forces was reviewed again.

The "Super" Summit was then discussed. The date was set for February 13, 2008 at a location yet to be determined.

- Purpose of the Summit: Systemic development/improvement-
- Final recommendations need to go to Joan Miles, not AMDD
- Discussion: Leadership from MHOAC needs to extend over- quality, development and funding for the children's and adult MH system.
- MHOAC- responsibility includes, creating the forum to bring all parties together.
- There needs to be equal representation for kids and adults with regard to all outcome recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Next meeting to be March 20 and 21, location TBA.