

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council
November 8 - 9, 2007
Helena

Members Present: Jim Fitzgerald, Karen Ward, Gary Popiel, Gerald Pease, Bob Jahner, Marty Onishuk, Suzanne Hopkins, Dorothy McCartney, Andy Hunthausen, Bill Hodges, Keith Foster, Trent Lear, Rita Pickering for Mary Dalton, Patrick Wayne, Tom Peluso, Joan Daly, Jo Shipman, Esther Kramer, Joyce DeCunzo and Dan Weinberg

Staff Present: Dan Ladd, Bobbi Renner, Carol Davidson, Marcia Armstrong, Lou Thompson

Guests: Michael Caruso (Thursday), Steve Caruso (Thursday), Oscar Morgan (Thursday), Judy Stange (Thursday) Martha Bottleson (Thursday); Eve Franklin (Friday), Bonnie Adee (Friday),)

November 8, 2007 (Thursday)

Technical assistance provided by the National Association of Mental Health Planning and Advisory Councils (NAMHPAC). Attached are the summaries of the three workgroups identified. The groups are crisis, workforce development and public policy.

November 8, 2007 (Friday)

Comments from visioning session

- Need to include children into the discussion – did not come to the top three.
- Council is responsible for all citizens of Montana.
- Need to look at the life span which is cradle to grave.
- **All of the workgroups/ task forces need to have a developmental matrix in the plan. Each strategy needs to be developmental specific, i.e. 0-6 years, youth, young adult, and adult.**
- Access to care is the issue.
- The “super summit” discussed will be moved to the Development Committee for planning.

Mental Health Ombudsman Report – Eve Franklin

- Highest concentration has been criminal justice and mental health
- Family and kids have difficult time navigating the mental health system. Kids are being criminalized and end up in juvenile justice which becomes the access point.
- James Peak, psychiatrist from Billings who provides services to Pine Hills for years wrote to the Governor and Ombudsman Office that Pine Hills

does not have any programming available for youth that have serious emotional disturbance.

- Would like to see increase in stipends given to foster parents.
- The action is developing strategies to access funds through the legislature.

Expectations from Council

- Agenda needs to be timely and conforms to deadlines to the Executive Planning Process (EPP).
- Take more responsibility – have homework between meetings
- Needs to be a place to go with the information to inform and advocate.
- Have a positive impact on public policy.
- Vision needs to be in place for 2-5 years.

Standing Committees

- Executive – chair, vice chair and chairs of the committees. Executive committee sets the agenda.
- Development – Oversee the seats and the business of the Council.
- Advocacy –
 - **Karen Ward proposed to move the public policy workgroup/task force identified yesterday to the group. Suzanne Hopkins seconded and approved by the members.**
- Block Grant

Task Forces

By consensus the Council established task forces for workforce development and crisis.

Trent Lear proposed the task forces include developmental matrix. Bill Hodges seconded and approved by members.

Older Adults and mental health – Karen Ward

- SAMHSA is prioritizing services for older adults.
- 1 out of 4 older adults needs mental health services.
- Medicare will not pay for two visits in one day, i.e. doctor and therapist.

Children Mental Health Bureau – Bonnie Adee

- Restructured the Systems of Care (SOCs) Committee
 - Planning Committee which is the statutorily required committee.
 - Community Planning Committee – over 50% of membership is family members. Membership includes region representation, advocates, and funded Kids Management Authorities (KMA).
 - The committees will have a joint meeting once a year.
 - The committees will make recommendations to each other.
- The bureau will build on the principles of family focused, community based and culturally focused.

- Fund five KMAs. They include: Billings, Bear Paw (Havre, Rocky Boy and Fort Belknap), Helena, Butte, and Crow Nation. There are additional KMAs but not funded through the SAMHSA grant.
- Will use the TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) funds.
- HB 98 provides flexibility for supplemental services to keep youth in the home. Examples are gym membership, karate lessons, respite.
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) operates like a waiver. Provides services to prevent psychiatric residential treatment.
- Therapeutic foster and group care are required by Center for Medicare Medicaid Services (CMS) to unbundle their services. Historically these have been paid through a daily rate.
- The SAMHSA site visit stated the Bureau needs to do more to strengthen the family voice. Suggested there be a key family partner contact at the state level, a strong family organization and family support specialists.
- The community training is around standardization and sustainability. The overarching vision is family focused.

Those members present signed up for a minimum of one committee or task force. Carol Davidson will request those members not present to volunteer for a task force or committee. AMDD staff will be assigned to each committee and task force to provide support. Children's Mental Health Bureau may want to consider assigning staff also. Following are the assignment:

- *Advocacy Committee*
 - Marty Onishuk
 - Gerald Pease
 - Tom Peluso
 - Andy Hunthausen
 - Dorothy McCartney
- *Development Committee*
 - Jim Fitzgerald
 - Suzanne Hopkins
 - Karen Ward
 - Jo Shipman
- *Block Grant Committee (Staff – Marcia Armstrong)*
 - Bob Jahner
 - Trent Lear
 - Esther Kramer
 - Keith Foster
- *Workforce Development Task Force (Staff – Dan Ladd)*
 - Bill Hodges
 - Jo Shipman
 - Joyce DeCunzo
- *Crisis Task Force (Staff – Lou Thompson)*
 - Bob Jahner
 - Esther Kramer

- Trent Lear
- Marty Onishuk
- Tom Peluso

Development Committee – Karen Ward (Chair)

Super Summit

- Who should attend (25):
 - MHOAC – 4 members which are: Chair, Vice Chair, and chairs of task forces
 - KMA – 5 regional with a minimum of 3
 - County Attorney representative
 - NAMI -1
 - Mental Health Association - 1
 - MACo – 1 or 2
 - Law enforcement – 1
 - Corrections – 1
 - SAA – 3 minimum with up to 2 from each SAA
 - Department staff – Joyce DeCunzo, Mary Dalton, Bonnie Adeo, Lou Thompson, Marcia Armstrong
 - Legislatures – Gerald Pease and Dan Weinberg
 - Governor
 - Hospital representative
- Letter of invitation will be sent out by Jim Fitzgerald
 - Have each person respond to the invitation:
 - Yes – We will send a representative and a list of our priorities to the meeting.
 - No – We will not send a representative.
- Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008
- AMDD will arrange for a facilitator.
- Outcome – Have a clear understanding of priorities and consensus of the priorities, if possible.

Advocacy Committee – Mary Onishuk (Chair)

- Educate the existing and prospective legislators.
- Put together a one page letter focusing on the three priorities.
- Put the result of the Super Summit on one page.
- Disseminate the information back to each of our constituencies.

Block Grant Committee – Trent Lear (Chair)

- Implementation report is due December 3. Went over timelines for the committee to review the report.
- FY 2009 Block Grant application
 - January 10 and 11 – should have the basic substance/themes in place.
 - March meeting – introduce the draft application.
 - July meeting – final draft discussed
 - August – staff will complete the writing and submission of the block grant.

- Make sure the block grant is discussed at each Council meeting.

Crisis Task Force – Andy Hunthausen reporting only

- **Goal #1:** Mandated CIT Training for Law Enforcement officers
 - Barriers: Time off; Budget concerns – costs/funding; Travel; Course is too long (4days); Players in current system resistance to change.
 - Resources: Potential State funding; Make training part of LE academy; NAMI/LEEP program as alternative or stopgap.
 - Action: Recommend to Legislature; Take to super summit
 - Assignment: Follow up assigned to Crisis Task Force
- **Goal #2:** 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; SOCS
 - Action: Recommend to Legislature; Take to super summit
 - Assignment: Crisis Task Force follow up.

Schedule of Meetings:

- January 10-11, 2008
- March 20-21, 2008
- May 15 – 16, 2008
- July 17 – 18, 2008
- September 18 – 19, 2008
- November – TBD

Joyce DeCunzo will put together a schedule of the Executive Planning Process.