

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**May 28, 2009
3:30 – 5:00 PM**

Members Present: Senora Simpson, Nancy Lee Head, Robin Thorner, Effie Smith, Rosa Hamlett, Mary Ann Luby, Sue Marshall, Ray Brown, Joyce Drumming, Yvonne Smith

Absent: Angela Frank, Chasel Smith, Kathrin Wright, Nancy Ware, Audrey Read Brown, Deborah Bear, Helen Bergman, Nan Roman, Shannon Hall, Chet Gray, Nina Swanson, Richard Flintrop

Guest: Cindy Kim, Kwamme Anderson

Staff Present: Steve Baron, Patricia Thompson, Nicki DeLaRosa, JoAnn Davis

I. Call to Order – Senora Simpson

Ms. Simpson called the meeting to order. MPD Crisis Intervention Officer training, the national consumer memorial event and emergency legislation proposed by Councilmember Barry were added as agenda items.

II. Review/Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2009

The minutes of April 23, 2009 were approved as amended. DMH will try to send the draft minutes out two weeks in advance of the meeting. Phyllis Jones along with JoAnn Davis will now staff the meeting.

III. Director's Report: Stephen T. Baron

A. Announcements

Update on DC CSA transition

- Sixteen hundred consumers have enrolled with new providers. Strict attention is being paid to provider capacity. Once DMH is at a comfortable level with the provider capacity, DMH will be moving to the auto assignment process. Consumers can still receive services at DC CSA as a subprovider if they have enrolled with a new provider. All information concerning any disconnects should be fed to Barbara Bazron.
- DMH issued personnel notices last week—72 employees will remain with the government operated services and 137 employees received Reduction-in-Force notices effective August 1, 2009. In addition, to support the DC CSA transition which ends in March 2010, DMH will announce 42 new positions for which these employees will be eligible to apply. DC CSA staff has been incredible and supportive throughout the transition process.

B. Program Reports

- **Dixon Court Hearing** - The *Dixon* Court Hearing was held today. The focus was on the DC CSA transition, DOJ Agreement, and the proposed FY 2010 budget. The Court Monitor Denny Jones spoke along with the Plaintiff's lawyer. Steve Baron also spoke. Some of the highlights in his presentation were the steps to maximize Medicaid, the integrated care initiative, and efforts to reduce the census at the Hospital. A discussion was held concerning the union's meeting with Denny Jones. The next hearing is scheduled for October 8, 2009 at 9:30 am.
- **Emergency Legislation** - DMH heard that Councilmember Barry may introduce emergency legislation on Tuesday to stop the privatization of the DC CSA and APRA [in DOH].
- **Crisis Intervention Officer Training**– The first graduation of MPD Crisis Intervention Officers was held. Drs. Rose and Gore and Green Door got great reviews. NAMI also did well.
- **National Consumer Memorial** – The dedication of the national consumer memorial will be held on June 10, 2009 at the Chapel at Saint Elizabeths. Mental Health America is taking the lead along with six other national groups. An announcement will be sent out to the PC members.
- **Overview of the Community Services Review Unit** – Patricia Thompson and Nicki DeLaRosa gave an overview of the CSR unit and distributed a brochure describing the mission and goals of the CSR unit, the process involved in CSRs, the benefits of participation for agencies, and CSR timelines. A discussion took place on the strengths and barriers; the children reviews; improving practice through team formation and team function, and building a multi system of care. The CSR children's report should be out within a few days and the adult report within 4-5 weeks. Both reports will be posted on the website when completed.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

The Partnership Council members agreed to draft a letter to Marcia Jones to thank her for her work with the PC and to give her a token of appreciation. Ray Brown will take the lead to purchase a piece of art for Ms. Jones. The PC members will give a donation towards the artwork.

The June meeting will be held at 3:00 pm at Saint Elizabeths Hospital. An announcement will be made as to the exact location where the meeting will be held-the new hospital or CT3A.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: June 25, 2009.