

**Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
State of Ohio Library
June 19, 2013
Council Approval Pending**

Attendees: Ester Branscome, Jane Byrnes, Cheryl Crayden, Jeanie Cooper, Steve Cooper, Robyn Hoffman, Linda Gable, Ken Jones, Jennifer Moses, Jennilee Mohler, Susan Pugh's designee, Pat Risser, Angela Schoepflin, Sarah Smitley, Gloria Walker, Victoria Webb, Nina Wycoff, Dontavius Jarrels, ODMH Staff: Director Tracy Plouck, Dr. Mark Hurst, Medical Director, Kathy Coate-Ortiz, John Hurley, Liz Gitter, Char Morrison, Anna Labaya, Kraig Knudsen, Sharon Fitzpatrick ODADAS Staff: Karin Carlson, Drew Palmiter

AGENDA

1. Introduction and approval of Old Business
2. Presenter Dr. Mark Hurst
3. By-laws review and inclusion of substance abuse prevention & treatment
4. Official vote on new by-laws proposed and implementation strategies
5. Update 2014-2015 Block Grant Plan
6. Q&A given by ODMH Director Tracy Plouck
7. New Business & Action Steps

Meeting Convened: 10:30 a.m., called to order by Pat Risser

Planning Council Dialogue- Pat Risser

- Pat Risser called for the approval of the previous Planning Council meeting minutes. Motion moved by Esther Branscome and second by Jennilee Mohler.
- Steve Cooper announced an open invitation to a certified peer specialist program hosted by OEC.
- Pat Risser announced an open invitation to SAMHSA's National Strategy for Suicide Prevention week at one of the National Alliance on Mental Illness remote sites.

Guest Speaker Mark Hurst, M.D.

- Medical Director presented initiatives for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- Dr. Hurst gave a brief overview of grant money distribution and disparities between poor or minority communities.
- Dr. Hurst stated that new funding will be put into county criminal justice systems to handle felons and medical treatment.
- In addition, a new housing grant that will not have any pre-conditions will be overseen by Chris Nicastro.
- Dr. Hurst states he would like to increase his involvement in community services.
- Dr. Hurst concluded that medicine is not a cure all, end all to treatment. Since evidence base practice is good, it's not enough; practices should include compassion.

Change of By-laws to Expand Membership to Include Addiction Services

- Pat Risser, Chair, briefly explained these major changes in the by-laws
- Gloria Roberts moved that the by-laws to expand membership to address Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant as recommended by the Membership

Committee be accepted, and Robyn Hoffman so seconded.

- Liz Gitter stated that one of the major impacts expansion will cause is that Planning Council members will address funding for addiction services, as well as mental health services. Liz also emphasized the consolidation of ODMH and ODADAS will change and increase the Council's membership. The new Council will include persons in addiction recovery. These members will also be eligible for stipends and mileage.
- Nina Wycoff suggested the Planning Council reach out to Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous directly for Planning Council members. However, the traditions of these groups is to have no opinion on outside issues.
- When someone suggested that some members with co-occurring disorders might switch to representing persons in recovery from addiction, several members expressed concern that as mental health participants on the Planning Council they may not be able to adequately address addiction issues.

By-laws Review and Implementation Strategies

- Pat Risser brought up potential language barriers, would like a committee familiar with recovery (from addictions) community verbiage to review the new bylaws.
- Pat Risser suggested an ad-hoc committee to implement changes as more persons in recovery from addiction, family members, and providers of addiction services join the Council.

Official vote on new by-laws proposed

Pat Risser moved to approve the new by-laws previously sent to each council member. The motion was carried forward and is agreeable by all present members, no objections.

New Business

Person in Recovery from Addiction Member Concerns

- **What are the recruiting steps and how do we put the information forward to possible candidates.**
 1. Gloria asked who will be taking applications and asked that the entire Planning Committee participate in the process. (Members, as well as potential members, can get applications by emailing Drew.Palmiter@mha.ohio.gov.)
 2. Liz stated that the recruiting process is underway.
 3. Drew stated that recruiting should be geographically representative and minority diverse.
 4. Ken commented that new programs should be handled by the alcohol and drug addiction specialist.
 5. Cheryl suggested we should be sure to let the future addiction candidates know of the reimbursement program.
 6. Pat Risser strongly recommended putting together an Ad-Hoc membership

committee with a Head Chair.

7. Jerry suggested that if we really have to go the Ad-Hoc committee the chair should be from addiction services, not mental health.
8. Ester asked what is the county board doing to identify the possible candidates in recovery from addiction.

Ad-Hoc Membership Team Established

Staff - Drew Palmiter (lead) & Liz Gitter

Members: Cheryl Crayden, Angela Schoepflin, Jeannie Copper, Ken Jones, Victoria Webb, Jennilee Mohler, Linda Gable, and Pat Risser

Block Grant 2014-15 Update Highlights- Presented by Liz Gitter & Karin Carlson

- Consolidate the applications for two separate SAMHSA Block Grants --- one for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Block Grant Plans. This allows Ohio to submit one application for two grants. Reporting for the two grants is separate.
- The Block Grant Plan:
 - Describes priority populations
 - Provides a needs assessment
 - Prioritizes the populations
 - Includes performance indicators with goals, strategies and measurements
- Plan is due September 1st.
- Liz addressed questions about community planning and funding distribution which is posted on the Department's website under "Block Grant." She also responded to a question concerning suicide prevention programs in Ohio by stating that there are more than 80 suicide prevention coalitions in Ohio.

Mental Health Director Tracy Plouck Q&A Highlights

- **How is OhioMHAS planning to integrate the two-sides criminal justice system**
 1. **Trauma-** OhioMHAS plans statewide trainings on a SAMHSA trauma informed-care which will be funded through grant funds. The training may start as early as this summer.
 2. **Care for Persons with Mental Illness in Jail -** Tracy Plouck states that county criminal justice systems have been allocated 1.5million dollars in this year's budget. The funding emphasis is on county services.
 3. **Strategic Planning** will include treatment planning for mentally ill offenders. In addition, this year, judges are included in the work plan to identify gaps and OhioMHAS roles with persons in recovery from mental illness and/or addiction. Furthermore, Tracy states that a large portion of the criminal system justice surveyed indicated that housing is the biggest need for repeat offenders with mental illness.

4. **Strategic Planning** - Tracy Plouck states the new budget calls for increasing Community Linkage Workers who link offenders released from prison with mental health services. Additionally, when psychiatric evaluation is limited, teleconference and case management will help sustain offenders.

- **Mental Health Housing Initiative**

1. **811 Grant** - Ohio was not chosen for the 811 housing grant.
2. **Bricks & Mortar** - Currently we are 50% through our 10 million dollar Brick mortar fund. Now that we are a joint department, we will have to consider how including ODADAS will affect the funding.
3. **HUD & Other Housing Councils** - HUD is a partner of ODMH. However, priority is not given to persons with mental illness. The Ohio Council has allocated \$320,000 for housing, and group homes received one million dollars. In addition, three million dollars of this year's grant money has been set aside for community preservation.

- **Mental Health Community Initiatives**

4. **Community Support Balance**- Ohio Rehab Services is also a partner of OhioMHAS. However, the Director reports that incorporating rehab methods is challenging. OhioMHAS will continue to try to close the gap. Currently, there are 150 community beds and 50% is for forensic care.
5. **OhioMHAS and Health Homes**- Director Tracy Plouck Director stated that there are five Medicaid Health Homes for persons with serious and persistent mental illness in five counties with about 14,000 people enrolled. The participation was greater than expected. Health Homes will become available in Ohio's remaining 83 counties in October 2013. Along with the Health Homes going live in October, we will be launching a new program, ICDS to assist in the Health Home transition with seniors and recipients of both Medicare and Medicaid. The rates will be changing as well into a two tier system, and a webinar will be available on July 10th with more details and information.
6. **Collaboration Progress**- Staff members report that the consolidation process has been good. They have decided to hold true to their past years block grant process. However, for the coming year OhioMHAS plans to begin disbursement as early as December for Fiscal Year 2014.
7. **Mental Health First Aid**- Right now, no grant money will be given to individual communities for training. However, a train-the-trainer program is planned for state employees and others. Once certified, the trainers can then go out into the community to teach Mental Health First Aid.

Responses to Questions

1. **Fiscal Year 2014 Budget** - The Governor is set to sign and approve the OhioMHAS budget June 30th. Medicaid Expansion will not be included in this year's current budget.
2. **What can the Planning Council do to Support the Director? - Director's reply** "*Whenever possible continue to advocate for Medicaid Expansion.*"

Actions/Next Steps

- Recruiting Guidelines- Ad-Hoc membership committee
- Dontavius of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities will discuss county plans for recruiting issue.
- Transitional Committee report
- New membership application will be available within 10 business days per Liz.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gloria Walker second by Victoria Webb 2:42 P.M.

NEXT AGENDA

	Date	Time	Location
Future Meeting Information	August 17, 2013	10:30 A.M. – 3:00 with networking starting at 10:00.	Westland Library (west side of Columbus)