

**Planning Council
Meeting Minutes
South West Public Library
August 17, 2013**

Council Approval of Minutes Pending

Members Present: Patrick Risser, Francisco Alfonzo, Walter Asbury, Myrtle Boykin-Lighton, Jane Byrnes, Jeannie Cooper, Steve Cooper, Cheryl Crayden, Ken Jones, Deborah Miller, Jennilee Mohler, Domina Page, Zandia Galvin, Cassandra Rufat, Angela Schoepflin, Sarah Smitley, Gloria Walker, Victoria Webb, Love Singleton, Robin Hicks-Seymour.

OhioMHAS Staff: Drew Palmiter, Sanford Starr, Char Morrison, Liz Gitter, Deborah Nixon-Hughes, John Hurley

Agenda:

1. Introduction and approval of Old Business
2. Presenter Deputy Director of Community Services Debbie Nixon-Hughes
3. Presenter Deputy Director of Quality, Planning Research Sandy Starr
4. Discussion on by-laws rotation off council and staggered terms for Planning Council Members
5. Official vote on new Planning Council members nominees
6. New Business & Action Steps

Meeting Convened: 10:40 a.m. by Pat Risser

Planning Council Dialogue- Pat Risser

- Pat Risser called for the approval of the previous Planning Council meeting minutes. Kathleen Stanley made the motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Jennilee Mohler.

Guest Speaker: Debbie Nixon-Hughes, Deputy Director, Office of Community Support, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)

- Described SAMHSA Block Grant supported initiatives for SFY 2014 and the Department's process for distributing these federal funds.
- Spoke about the Office of Community Support taking an assertive approach to reduce the disparities between poor and/or minority communities and other communities.
- Gave a brief overview of how the consolidation has affected the Office of Community Support which administering the Block Grant project sub-award process, Emergency Preparedness, Core Competencies for Veterans quality services and Governor Kasich's new Human Trafficking initiative.
- Stated that new funding for Health Homes has been delayed due to differences in dispersing funds amongst persons with serious mental illness and persons with addiction.
- Spoke about Rehabilitation Service Commission changing its name to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.
- In addition, the Office of Community Support along with Americans with Disabilities Services is assessing how and who best serves people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Stated that anyone who is interested in volunteering for a Board appointment or to discuss this should contact her as soon as possible.
- Indicated that that the Planning Council should discuss how public information about the

Planning Council including the membership list is released to the public.

- Drew Palmiter added it has become necessary for the Planning Council to address how to disclose names and titles. Since the Planning Council is a public body all information is public record. The by-laws are considered public record. Therefore we will have to discuss the issues:
 - Should Planning Council's members name be released with the seat held?
 - A legal document giving permission to disclose all members' names is being created by the OhioMHAS Legal Department.

Guest Speaker Sanford Starr, Deputy Director, Office of Quality, Planning and Research, OhioMHAS

Discussed how the consolidation has affected the Quality, Planning and Research Office which focuses on evaluating outcomes for services provided.

- According to Sandy Starr, three major areas are addressed by Quality and Planning Services:
 - Who is receiving the services
 - Who is successful after receiving services
 - How performance measures are evaluated
- Shared that the new Quality, Planning and Research office will evaluate what makes a program successful or unsuccessful.

Planning

- Department has three inter-related planning processes:
 - Community Plans prepared by local community Boards for OhioMHAS
 - OhioMHAS Strategic Plan – OhioMHAS' plan to address mental health and addiction services
 - Substance Abuse/Mental Health Block Grant Plan/Application prepared by OhioMHAS for SAMHSA (federal government)
- Information provided by local communities (Boards) is used to inform Ohio's Block Grant Plan to SAMHSA, as well as OhioMHAS' Strategic Plan.

Planning Process Applied to Ohio's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

- Where are we now?
 - Health Care Reform
 - How will we integrate Affordable Health Care Act
- Where are we going?
 - How can access, needs and issues be addressed
 - What issues warrant priority?
- How are we going to get there?
 - Strategies
 - Goals
 - Objectives
- Who are we bringing with us?
 - Understand and own the issues facing communities
 - Understand what other state agencies are facing
- How will we know when we get there?
 - Evaluation

- Performance indicators which measure percentage of successful discharged, re-hospitalization rates and reduction in homelessness, as well as many other performance indicators.
- The Community Plans, the Block Grant Plan and the Strategic Plan all address how to use limited resources to address priorities. The Office of Quality, Planning and Research reviews information from all of the plans and performance measures to evaluate how well Ohio is meeting its goals.

Change of By-laws to Implement Term Limits

- Pat Risser, Chair, briefly explained these major changes in the by-laws. Liz Gitter briefly explained the need to stagger the ending dates of the members so that about a third of the seats turnover each year and that service be limited to a maximum of two terms. She requested approval to draft a document for the Membership Committee to approve.
- Kathleen Stanley moved that the recommendations by the Membership/By-laws Committee to implement term limits be accepted, and Angela Schoepflin so seconded. The Council voted to approve with two abstentions.

Membership/Bylaw's Committee

Drew Palmiter briefly explained new consumer and family Planning Council appointments to Planning Council require approval of the Council. He briefly discussed each nominee and their qualifications as a Planning Council representative.

- Planning Council voted to approve advocate members Patrick Coburn, Sandra Keyes, Jimmie Small, Sarah Nerad, Raphael Weston, Sara Sheline and Richard Russell who are invited to attend the October 26 and subsequent meetings.
- New members at this meeting representing advocacy organizations included Walter Asbury representing Ohio Citizen Advocates.
- Provider representatives include Deborah Miller appointed by the Ohio Council to represent children's mental health providers, Robin Seymour-Hicks, appointed by ADAPO to represent prevention providers, Myrtle Boykin-Lighton, representing recovery support providers, Domina Page representing women's addiction treatment programs, Love Singleton III, representing youth and child serving addiction and Francisco Alfonzo, UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Outreach Program)
- Members also voted to remove Katie Clark due to absences and thank her for her service.

New Business

- What type of member's information will the Planning Council release publically going forward and how do we put the information forth to the public?
- Drew Palmiter stated OhioMHAS Legal team is reviewing the entire process and he will bring the outcome results to the PC.
- Liz stated that the issue is how much information is necessary to satisfy one's inquiry into the Planning Council.
- Kathleen Stanley commented since serving the PC board there's a disconnect between Consumer appointed Council members' commitment and State appointed Council members' commitment.

- Kathleen Stanley commented that attendance is an additional disparity between PC consumers and the PC state appointed members.
- Kathleen Stanley commented that obligations appear one-sided to her as a family member of a consumer Council member who sacrifices Saturdays. State agency personnel seem to evade the same commitments. In addition, she has brought this same issue up in the past and the PC has yet to address a resolution.
- Liz Gitter suggested we bring the Policy Council’s schedule to a vote next meeting. Several PC members suggest Saturday meetings may be the motive in lack of attendance of the State appointed Council members.

Next Steps

- Planning Council to address how to increase attendance
- Planning Council to vote on up-coming schedule and address Saturday meetings
- Find recovery representatives to speak to the PC, MH and State Reps.
- Possible speakers at next PC: Jody Lynch, Angie Bergefurd, Dr. Tammy Collins and Dr. Valerie Alloy
- Have one of the local level projects and state level recipients speak to the Planning Council.
- Discuss how to get more members to report on community plans.
- Would like to know what the Block Grant is doing about dual diagnosis.
- Requested that the following document be sent via email: Block Grant 101, PC Descriptions and Planning Council By-laws 2013

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sarah Smitley second by Ken Jones 3:13 P.M.

NEXT AGENDA

	Date	Time	Location
Future Meeting Information	Saturday October 26, 2013	10:30 A.M. – 3:00 with new member orientation and networking starting at 10:00.	Rhodes Tower, 8 th Floor. 30 E. Broad Columbus, Oh
	Friday November 22, 2013	10:30 A.M. – 3:00 with new member orientation and networking starting at 10:00.	State Library of Ohio 274 East First Avenue Columbus, Ohio