

Meeting Summary
Kentucky Mental Health Planning & Advisory Council
Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
November 12, 2009

Members: Ron Ashton, John Basham, Rita Brooks, Artye Dulaney, Carol Estes, Rebecca Garrett, Lynn Haney, Gayla Hayes, Bill Heffron, Robert Hicks, Donna Hillman, Angela Isaacs, Mary Sue Klusman, Steve Liles, Steve Lyons, Betty Jo Moss, Jan Powe, Carmilla Ratliff, Jim Reed, Steve Shannon, Mary Singleton, Matthew Smith, Jim Sparks, Joy Varney, Anna Winchell

Guests: Gloria Dorsey, Stacey Ellis, Dustin Miller, Kathy Schneider

Staff: Hope Barrett, Michele Blevins, Joy Botkins, Stephen Hall, Anita Jennings, Lou Kurtz, Christie Penn, Lisa Rice, Kelli Robinson, Melissa Runyon

Topic	Discussion	Next Steps
Call to Order and Introductions	Rebecca Garrett, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Members introduced themselves and shared something positive in their lives.	
Approval of May Meeting Summary	Ron Ashton made a motion to approve the summary of the August 20, 2009 meeting. Robert Hicks seconded and the motion carried.	Summary will be added to the KMHPAC website.
Introduction of Commissioner Stephen Hall	<p>The Chair welcomed the Department's new Commissioner, Stephen Hall, to the Council meeting. The Commissioner told members how happy he is to be in Kentucky and working for the Department. He also told members that he is aware that many good ideas and initiatives have been put on hold and that he is going to meet with staff in order to review those ideas and to try to implement them. Commissioner Hall said he will only accept a "yes" or a "no for now" on the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Kentucky's mental health care system; • Drafting innovative mental health Medicaid waivers; • Increasing funding; • Tackling stigma; and • Creating a single, solid message on the importance of excellent mental health care. <p>Comments shared by members included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member stated that she would like to see legislation for improved services for active military and their families; the need is great and the time is right. • Another member stated the importance of intervening early for kids. • Another member stated that while mental health advocates work well during Council activities, their unity dissolves after they leave the meetings 	

	<p>due to competition for funds. We need you (Commissioner) to help us become a unified front for legislators.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member shared that her daughter is a peer specialist and due to lack of funding the peer specialist program has been discontinued at their local CMHC. She stated that many individuals have told her that the knowledge, expertise and experience that her daughter shares with peers and staff is invaluable. • A member shared that access to services is poor in Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky due to lack of transportation and appropriate services. A second member told about a time when her son was in crisis and she had to travel two hours to reach services for him. • A member asked the Department to consider Anderson County for a hospital because it is an excellent location that is between Lexington and Louisville. 	<p>The Commissioner said he will keep these needs in mind as he meets with Cabinet leaders and as he advocates for those we serve.</p>
<p>Update on the Federal Monitoring Visit</p>	<p>Michele Blevins gave an overview of the three-day Community Mental Health Services Block Grant monitoring visit that took place on March 17-19, 2009. She presented the highlights of the Final Report and copies were distributed. The Center for Mental Health Services monitors each state approximately every 4-5 years. During their visit, the monitors reviewed financial and programmatic materials, met with Department leadership and staff, held a discussion with Planning Council members, observed a quarterly meeting of the Planning Council and, went to Seven Counties Services for a local program review. The monitors presented numerous recommendations to Kentucky, but no corrective action plans were requested.</p> <p>A member praised the Council for their contribution to the monitoring visit. Staff also thanked members for their willingness to meet with the monitors and share their perspective.</p>	
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p><u>Executive Committee</u> Rebecca Garrett, Chair, reported that the Executive Committee met on July 16th to review the FY 2010 meeting dates and to set the agenda for the year.</p> <p>Robert Hicks made a motion to call a closed session to address a formal complaint filed by a member. Mary Sue Klusman seconded and the motion carried. All guests and staff were asked to temporarily leave the meeting room during the closed session. During the closed session, a member chose to resign her seat on the Council.</p>	

	<p><u>Membership and Nominating Committees</u> Mary Singleton, Chair, told members that the Membership Committee did not meet during this quarter, but that there is a very important meeting scheduled for January 28th. At that time applications will be reviewed to fill 15 member seats and nominations will be taken for officers. Mary reminded the Council that members and officers serve two-year terms. Mary asked members to take copies of the membership applications with them and to distribute them to individuals they think would make a good member. She also reminded current members who wish to serve another term to complete and return the application by January 26th.</p> <p>Robert Hicks distributed Council lapel pins to all members and asked staff to wear them as honorary members. Mary thanked Bob for his hard work designing and procuring the pins.</p> <p><u>Finance Committee</u> Betty Jo Moss, Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on October 15th to complete the Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Talking Points created so that members will be able to give a unified message about co-occurring disorders. Betty Jo thanked Hope Barrett for her leadership to the Committee. The Council reviewed the Talking Points.</p> <p>Ron Ashton made a motion to accept the Co-Occurring Talking Points as written. Donna Hillman seconded and the motion carried.</p> <p><u>Bylaws Committee</u> Rebecca Garrett reminded members that the Bylaws Committee meets on March 25th and for all members to come prepared with their recommended revisions to the Bylaws.</p>	<p>The next Membership Committee meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2010. The Nominating Committee meets on the same day.</p> <p>The application is available online at: http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhas/files/KMHPAC_MemberApp.pdf</p> <p>Staff will send out the Talking Points electronically to members.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Finance Committee is December 4th.</p>
<p>How to Stay Abreast of Local, State and National Initiatives</p>	<p>John Basham came prepared today to present information about how to stay abreast of local, state, and national mental health initiatives. Unfortunately his presentation had to be postponed due to time constraints.</p>	

<p>FY 2009 Implementation Report</p>	<p>All members confirmed that they had received the Implementation Report draft prior to today's meeting. All members agreed that they had. Michele presented a PowerPoint to show how Block Grant funds were spent, the number of clients served, and significant events that impacted our state this year.</p> <p>Michele reminded members that the draft is also available at the Department website and at the CMHS citizen review website. The web address, username and ID were given to members. Members may go to this website up to December 1st to see the most current version of the draft and to post comments about the report.</p>	<p>The final draft of the report is available at: http://mhmr.ky.gov/mhas/kmhpac_bg.asp</p>
<p>Mental Health Block Grant Letter from Council to CMHS</p>	<p>Rebecca Garrett shared the letter written to SAMHSA on behalf of the Council that confirms that members have had opportunity to review and comment on the 2009 Implementation Report. Ron Ashton made a motion to accept the letter for CMHS as prepared. Jim Reed seconded and the motion carried.</p>	<p>The Council's letter will be submitted to Barbara Orlando and included with the Implementation Report.</p>
<p>Other Items from the Council</p>	<p>Staff asked Lou Kurtz to give an update on the Johnson & Johnson-Dartmouth Supported Employment Services Grant. The Department was awarded a four-year grant from the Johnson & Johnson-Dartmouth Community Mental Health Program to implement evidence-based supported employment services to adults with severe mental illnesses. The initiative is a partnership between the Department and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and recognizes the value of work in one's recovery from mental illness.</p>	<p>Carol Estes and Lou Kurtz will periodically update the Council about the progress of the grant.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>Ron Ashton made a motion to adjourn at 2:07 PM. Anna Winchell seconded and motion carried.</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Thursday, Feb. 18th BHDID, Frankfort Large Conf. Room 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM</p>