

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION  
ON  
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION  
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**September 5, 2007  
Fair Oaks, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, Kentucky**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Undersecretary William Hacker for  
Secretary Mark Birdwhistell  
Commissioner John Burt  
Commissioner Shawn Crouch  
William Shaw  
Carol Estes for Ralph Clark  
Gayle Rees  
Glenna Taylor  
Senator Julie Denton  
William Shaw

Secretary Mark Birdwhistell  
Harold Kleinert  
Clyde Lang  
Senator Tom Buford  
Karen Gardner  
Louise Underwood  
Malkanthe McCormick  
Gwynn Royster  
Adam Jones for Pat Seybold

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Jimmie Lee  
Herman Terry Leigh  
Cathy Edwards

Roy Shirley  
Marsha Vanhook  
Roland Mullins

**OPENING REMARKS**

The meeting was called to order by Undersecretary Hacker. Secretary Birdwhistell arrived later for the meeting.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted and seconded. The motion passed.

**DIVISION FOR MENTAL RETARDATION (DMR) UPDATE**

Betsy Dunnigan provided a report on following:

- SCL Waiting List – Commission members given a handout of current waiting list figures.

- **CMHC Crisis Stabilization**

Since April 2007, seventy crisis calls have been received resulting in 3 diverted hospitalizations.

Community mental health center staff along with DMR personnel continues to train additional providers about crisis prevention and response.

Dr. Ed Maxwell provided training on common medical problems and psychopharmacology issues for the regional crisis response teams.

- **2007 Annual Report**

Commission members required some modifications to the Annual Report. A motion was made and passed with stipulation that necessary changes will be made. The revised report will be sent to Commission members prior to submitting to the Governor and General Assembly members.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Quality & Best Practices**

This report was given by Karen Gardner, Chair of the Subcommittee. The subcommittee met one time this quarter. At their last meeting, the subcommittee received updates on Consumer Directed Option, the Kentucky Resource Market, SCL Provider Development and the DMR risk management process.

- **Funding Sources Subcommittee**

This report was given by Clyde Lang, Chair of the Subcommittee. Meeting one time this quarter, the subcommittee will focus on unmet needs and will start developing a plan during the next meeting.

## **MEDICAID WAIVER UPDATE**

Shawn Crouch was introduced as the new Commissioner for Medicaid. He provided a summary of the Michelle P. waiver (1915C), the official statewide news release, an article published in the Courier Journal and a summary of services covered under the waiver. The Michelle P. waiver was approved on August 29, 2007 and implementation will occur in the next few months. The

Cabinet expects to serve as many as 10,000 people during the first year of implementation, including applicants on the waiting list for non-residential services.

The new waiver will also include goods and services and the Consumer Directed Option.

### **MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON GRANT UPDATE**

This report was given by Pat Wear, Project Director and Mary Walker, Project Manager. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded over \$49 million in May to the Cabinet to fund Money Follows the Person. A five year grant, Money Follows the Person will fund individuals moving from an institutional setting (ICF/MR or NF) to community settings for a period of one year. New programs will be developed to fund continuation of services after the initial year. An operational protocol will be submitted November 1, 2007 with a goal to transition 71 individuals the first year and 536 people within the five year period.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/OTHER**

Numerous concerns and comments were made regarding the exclusive use of independent case management for the Michele P. waiver. DMS will study the issue further.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next meeting date is **December 5, 2007** from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
100 Fair Oaks, Frankfort

The meeting was adjourned.