

# Minutes

## Mental Health Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services April 26, 2007 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Denise Dion (Chair), Chuck Frazier (Vice-Chair), Peggie Beck, John Brenne, Charles Kurtz, Lucy Morgan, Remona Simpson,

**Excused/Absent:** Marilyn Hinds, Marjorie Reuling (E), Millie Salt (E), Joan Staley

**Guests:** Rebecca Curtis, Megan Hornby, Bob Nikkel

**Staff:** Marc Overbeck, Wendy Russell

**Called Meeting to Order 3:05**

**Review Agenda:** An updated agenda was handed out along with revised minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to accept as distributed. Charles Kurtz/John Brenne *Passed*.

**Announcements:** Marc announced that Bob Nikkel would be attending the meeting, at the committee's request.

**Addictions & Mental Health Update**

**Rebecca Curtis**

**Seniors & People with Disabilities Update**

**Megan Hornby**

**Bob Nikkel**

Megan oversees mental health projects for SPD and is a nurse practitioner by education. She noted that the Department of Human Services has completely redesigned the older adults' psychiatric unit. Megan explained it has become a challenge sometimes to integrate the work of the Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD) division and the Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) division since AMH doesn't work with the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) like SPD does. She explained that the funding streams for AMH and SPD are not intertwined, yet there is a huge need to have collaborative share of projects due to the crossover of clients. Megan answered questions from the committee members. Megan explained how the SPD and AMH work together. **Contact Megan to receive the Informational Memo regarding what the folks do in her unit.**

Rebecca gave some of her background and what her job duties with AMH are. Rebecca and Mike Moore, who is also part of the older adult psychiatric unit, have been meeting with counties to try to promote collaboration between the SPD and the county mental health departments. Members of the committee encouraged the development of programs to serve joint clients and to strengthen the primary care systems to include mental health.

Bob Nikkel came and answered the following questions:

**When will the 16-bed facility be built in Pendleton?** The facility in Umatilla has been delayed but may be opened in June or July. Another may be built or at least discussed during the next biennium in conjunction with the new State Hospital plan. The Eastern Oregon Training Center will stay open but has not admitted any new clients since 1994.

**Will there be a template that will help the county plans consistent for staff review?** Denise passed out a copy of a draft template for the county mental health plans that she put together and asked that it be considered for use by AMH in the review of county mental health plans.

**What is the plan to go forward for the key community support requirements with the state hospital?** Bob is speaking with Senator Carter about the money needed to implement the requirements.

**Are there any funds for SB847 set aside in the Community Mental Health component of the Master Plan?** The budget is still uncertain at this point. Bob noted the proposal was outside the Governor's budget, but that it sounded like good policy. Members noted there has been verbal support for the bill.

**Has there been discussion or thinking about integrating geriatric psychiatric services at the state level between AMH and SPD?** There has not been the collaboration up to this point due to the fact that the Department has mostly been trying to "get by" in the last couple biennia. At this point AMH and SPD are both looking into collaborative projects to model problem solving. They are looking for opportunities to better integrate physical, mental and health care together and the use of federal waivers.

### **Agenda for Next Meeting**

**A copy of the template for county plan reviews needs to be put on GCSS letterhead and copies sent to Bob Nikkel, Keith Breswick and Lynn Rae once the Commission has accepted it.**

**Adjourn: 4:47**