

Minutes

Mental Health Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services October 26, 2007 Room 473, Barbara Roberts Human Services Building

Attendees: Denise Dion (Chair), Chuck Frazier (VC), Peggie Beck, Charles Kurtz, Marilyn Hinds, Joan Staley, John Helm, Kay Kirkbride, and Remona Simpson

Excused/Absent: John Brenne and Eunice Dutton

Guests: Jeffry Brandon, D'Leah Cruz, Rebecca Curtis, Chris Flammang, Robert Lawrence, Lucy Morgan, Barbara Nelson, and Kathleen Schonau

Staff: Becky Murphy, Marc Overbeck, and Wendy Russell

Called Meeting to Order 1:10 by Chuck Frazier, Vice-Chair

Review Agenda: Introductions were made. Members agreed that they would like to put county mental health data on the agenda for basic discussion.

Announcements

Robert reported Jim Davis is asking GCSS to co-sponsor a Mental Health Forum on the 16th and it is free. The agenda includes causes and nature of mental issues in underserved populations. Robert suggested that we co-sponsor this forum.

Robert also talked of a temporary tax on beer and wine that was being proposed by Representative Butler, that would help pay for mental health and addiction services. Bob said he would put this on a "legislative watch" list for GCSS.

Marc reported Denise had called and reported a delay in arriving at the meeting; and that Becky will be the primary staff to both the Caregiver and Mental Health Committees.

Updates

There are changes in the Extended Care Unit of Addictions and Mental Health Division. Rebecca Curtis has replaced Sandra Moreland as a liaison for the committee. Four positions have been incorporated into this one unit which deals with neural psychiatric work for older adults and physical and cognitive disabilities with mental health issues. They plan to change the unit's name and asked members to email suggestions to Rebecca Curtis and D'Leah Cruz.

Rebecca gave a clarification of her job---encompasses people with Huntington's Disease as well as younger people with dementia, as well as being focused on older adult mental health services. She also will be looking into SB 781 and its implementation and suggestions for pilot projects.

How Committee Should Function

Denise would like members to use their Internet communications as much as possible between meetings to help accomplish work.

Discussion was held on whether it was more feasible to have subcommittees by function or priorities. Consensus was that there should be subcommittees by priorities.

MOTION: The Mental Health Committee will have three subcommittees by priorities which were made at Planning Days (SB 781, Suicide Prevention, and OSH Phase 2). Passed. (Peggie Beck/Marilyn Hinds)

Subcommittees: Charles, Robert, John B., and Chris volunteered for SB 781; Marilyn, Peggie, Jeff, Patty, and Lucy volunteered for Suicide Prevention; and Chuck and possibly Remona and Joan volunteered for OSH Master Plan Phase 2.

Denise's desire is for the Committee to have realistic goals and reasonable timelines.

The Money Follows the Person grant was explained. Denise would like to add mental health training as part of that grant, if that is possible.

Chris talked about addiction and the baby boomers.

Updates

County Mental Health Plans - Charles and Denise will be reviewing the county plans regarding mental health services for older adults.

Elder Suicide Prevention - Marilyn reported on the DHS meeting and evidence based practices, moving mental health services into primary care offices, and develop a plan like the long term care community forums. Kari Lyons is the lead.

Next meeting

The group will focus on goals and realistic timelines. There will be e-mailing between the committees. There will be a report on the Community Mental Health Plans.

Adjourn: 2:51

Action Item:	Assigned To:	Deadline:
Put together a "minutes" template for subcommittees.	Wendy	12/06
Review county reports; bring to December meeting.	Denise/Charles	12/06
Invite Rebecca Curtis to every meeting.	Staff	Ongoing
Provide feedback on the new name for the team in Addictions and Mental Health.	Members	12/06
Members will stay in communication by email.	Members	ongoing