

**New Jersey Mental Health Planning Council (MHPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2013**  
**10:00 A.M.**

**Attendees:**

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| Hazeline Pilgrim (Phone) | Marilyn Goldstein (Phone) | Robin Weiss (phone)  |
| Angel Gambone (Phone)    | Harry Coe (Phone)         | Renee Ingram (phone) |
| Jack Bucher              | Robin Crist (phone)       | Ron Defeo (phone)    |
| Karen Carroll            | Winifred Chain            | Damyanti Aurora      |
| Maryanne Evanko          | John Pellicane            | Patricia Dana        |
| Gail Levinson            | Connie Greene             | Barbara Johnston     |
| Linda Meyer              | Phil Lubitz               | Gail Mesavitch       |
|                          | Thomas Pyle               | Marie Verna          |

**DMHAS, DCBHS & DDD Staff:**

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| Suzanne Borys     | Robert Culleton  | Geri Dietrich |
| Mark Kruszczynski | Donna Migliorino | Dona Sinton   |

**Guests:**

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| Gregory Karlin          | Louann Lukens      | Elizabeth Manley |
| Barbara Bigland (Phone) | Judy Sturm (phone) |                  |

- I. Administrative Issues/Correspondence/Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
  - A. Thanks to Jack for chairing last meeting.
  - B. Welcome to Connie Greene as our newest member.
  - C. Minutes approved with an edit on page 3. It was clarified that Mark provided a summary of the Block Grant implementation report at the last meeting. The division sent approximately 6,400 questionnaires and around 1,400 were returned. The plan is to take the remaining responses into existing data set so a final document can be released in early spring.
  - D. Announcements
    1. CSP – housing wellness conference 3/22/13
    2. Self-help center recognition day at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital is 3/13/13
    3. Schizophrenia Conference is out of consumer scholarships at the reduced rate; need to know by today if you are interested in attending
    4. Older Adults conference in March
  
- II. Adolescent Services Overview – Liz Manley
  - A. On January 1, 2013 the Children’s System of Care (CSOC) took over all youth who have developmental disabilities (around 16,000 youth)
    1. PerformCare will have up to April 1, 2013 to get up to speed
    2. Services were not interrupted for most contracts
    3. The CSOC took the most complex youth in October 2012
    4. About 2,000 phone calls being answered right now

5. CSOC took over eligibility (youth 18 and under goes through DCF and they are reviewing about 30 applications right now)
  6. CMO's are in process of unifying. By May 1, 2013 all care management services will be under CMO's
  7. Around 8 are in transition to unification for youth case management into just CMO
  8. Youth don't need to be Medicaid eligible
- B. Addiction youth will also go over to the CSOC
1. Contracts will be moved over to CSOC.
  2. Moving records and data over to Perform care as of July 1, 2013
- C. Questions/Comments/Answers
1. Question - Tom Pyle – What's the breakdown of youth with developmental disabilities, behavioral health issues and addictions? Answer - 40,000 youth served on any day in primary behavioral health, 16,000 youth with developmental disabilities and anticipate 4,400 addictions youth.
  2. Question - What budget is going into all these groups? Answer - Family support services is \$20 million (no growth to that) and we're working on budgets right now for the other populations
  3. Question - Suzanne Borys - What are the plans for moving the rest of the youth with mental health issues in blended programs to DCF? Answer – This is still in process and we're hoping by July 1 but it's still being worked out.
  4. Question – Suzanne Borys- Children's Crisis intervention Services still remain in DMHAS for now? Answer - Yes but will move at some point.
  5. Question - Karen Carroll – Can you clarify eligibility again? Answer – Yes, for individuals 21 and under all services (addictions and behavioral health is CSOC), eligibility for those 18 – 21 years is determined by DDD for that population
  6. Question - Jack Bucher – Are the out of state services being addressed? Yes, it is not our intention to do out of state services. Four youth should be back in New Jersey by April from out of state (children are deaf). Geri Dietrich mentioned that CSOC also issued a Request For Proposal for services for deaf which will be a residential program Marie Katzenbach.
  7. Question – Mark Kruszczyński - What are the ramifications for your customer services associates in terms of DDD transition? Answer - Families require more time on the phone. State still doing most of phone work with families rather than PerformCare
  8. Question - Gail Levinson -- Are you projecting encouraging providers to integrate as an emphasis for providers? Answer – Yes, the training and support for behavioral health providers and to realize that kids will be served across the continuum. A lot of youth in the developmental disabilities world who had dual diagnosis in October are already in CMO's.
  9. Question - Marie Verna – What about children with Autism? Answer - We do have contracts with Autism NJ, moving now to our system. We want training for providers.
  10. Question – Connie Greene - Are you talking about DMHAS relationship with Rutgers? Answer – No.

11. Question - Barbara Johnston –In addition to integration, what are your other goals? Answer - Integration is big, as well as making services more accessible. We are hoping to have conversations with behavioral health providers to make services more nimble and having an ASO ready to move will make it easier.
12. Comment - John Pellicane - For licensing all providers have substance abuse interns and CADCS. You can't give a pre certification to interns.
13. Question - John Pellicane - How do you know that South Jersey kids won't have to go to North Jersey for services? Answer - We'll pay attention to all that. There's no new dollars. We are hoping to find administrative efficiencies to use for services.
14. Question- Donna Migliorino - Do the 16,000 youth include kids in the developmental centers? Answer - Youth in facilities managed by Medicaid didn't come over and youth in community care waiver didn't.
15. Question - Jack Bucher - Where does juvenile justice fit in? Answer - They're separate. We're working on how we come together to work together and we hope to have a stronger connection
16. Comment- Chris Lucca- There is a lot of emphasis on recidivism which is great place to start

III. Mental Health Block Grant monitoring report – Donna Migliorino

- A. We received the draft report and it is being reviewed administratively for any changes.
- B. It was very complimentary to the Planning Council and our consumers
- C. Donna suggested that members contact Margaret Molnar to review the consumer section and make comments.
- D. Comment- Chris Lucca - It's commendable that there are no actual deficiencies.
- E. Comment - Phil Lubitz - It will be a public document once finalized and should be put on the web.
- F. Gerri Dietrich – at the exit conference they said we're doing so well and asked if there is any TA we could ask for, to keep us on top that would be great.

IV. The application for Technical Assistance to fully transition the MHPC into a Behavioral Health Planning Council that was submitted last week is included in your materials.

- A. Question- Jack Bucher – What kind of commitment is this if we get the grant? A. We would sit on webinars and provide TA to some other states, and update our bylaws to make the group more behavioral health oriented.

V. Block Grant Subcommittee Report – Jack Bucher and Donna Migliorino

- A. Block Grant application guidelines have not been finalized
- B. Mental Health Barometer and Core Measures have not yet been announced by SAMHSA so they will not be part of this application
- C. The application is due April 1, 2013 according to the draft guidance
- D. We were only given about 1 ½ months to get it ready from the time the draft guidance was released. We have an internal deadline of 2/26 to try to give enough time for review by the Governor's Office, public and Planning Council.
- E. Will be adding dollars for suicide prevention

- F. Adult areas of focus could include the following:
    1. supportive housing
    2. increased access to services the community
    3. supported employment
    4. older adults
    5. suicide prevention
    6. intensive family support services
    7. justice involved services
  - G. Children's areas of focus
    1. Integration of DD and substance abuse services
    2. Special populations (parenting teens, deaf and Hard of Hearing Behavioral assistance programs)
    3. Suicide prevention
  - H. Questions/Comments/Answers
    1. Question - John Pellicane – Where is the substance abuse representation on integration and the children's side? Answer - Rosemary Brown is traveling throughout the state each county has a CIACC. In addition, Geri Dietrich will get back to the Planning Council on this as substance abuse transition is really addressed by Alan Vietze and his staff.
    2. Comment - Suzanne Borys - There is a planning group that meets that does include Substance Abuse Providers
    3. Maryanne Evanko stated that Project Teach is a pregnant teen program that can assist children's services too
- VI. Advocacy Subcommittee
- A. Next meeting is 3/13/13 at noon
  - B. Jay Raymond from DCA will address the group regarding monitoring and licensing of homes
  - C. Still have two letters pending for council review
  - D. It was suggested to form a subcommittee on outcomes
- VII. Membership Committee
- A. Will bring to next Planning Council meeting a written criteria on selection
- VIII. Identified Strengths of the State's SSA, SMHA and Children's System of Care (CSOC)
1. Statewide basis for services
  2. Positive working relationship between Medicaid and SSA, SMHA and CSOC
  3. Youth development council
  4. Consumer operated services
  5. Free standing consumer operated care at the State hospitals
  6. Program regional analysts
  7. Multiple outlets to provide input to State
  8. Access to many services for children and adults compared to other states
  9. Commitment of funding for mental health and Olmstead services
  10. Commitment to integrated affordable community-based flexible supports for housing
  11. Collaboration with State universities for evidence-based practices

12. Wellness and Recovery Transformation Plan as a framework for transition
13. Psychiatric rehabilitation efforts
14. Family volunteer hospital monitoring program
15. Involvement of families and consumers
16. Positive efforts regarding veterans
17. Seamless and integrated response to natural disaster
18. Intensive Family Support Services
19. Increased integration of physical health and behavioral health services
20. Tobacco services and consumer run education program

IX. Identified Areas for Improvement of the State's SSA, SMHA and Children's System of Care (CSOC)

1. Continued increase of integration on physical health and behavioral health services
2. Importance of serving homeless who are mentally ill
3. Need for innovative housing models like public/private partnerships for funding and service delivery
4. Training of front-line staff in recovery and wellness principles
5. Comprehensive plan for workforce development
6. More peers in field
7. Increase in payment rates
8. Attention to transportation needs, especially in the South
9. Lack of services and consumer support groups in the South
10. Lack of services for individuals who identify as LGBTQ
11. Waiting lists for services
12. Financial literacy training for consumers
13. Obstacles to services for individuals who are involved in juvenile justice system and ex-offenders
14. Declining support for legal services for individuals and their families
15. Insufficient supports for psychosocial services

X. Future Topics

1. Chris Lucca - Quality Assurance of Healthcare Services
2. Maryanne Evanko – financial literacy
3. Workforce Development

**Adjourned 11:57**

**Next General Membership Meeting on 3/13/13- 10:00-12:00, Room 3000**

The Olmstead Advisory Committee will meet at noon on 2/13/13 in room 3052

The Membership Subcommittee will meet at 9 am on 3/13/13 in room 3052

The Block Grant Subcommittee will meet at 9:30 am on 3/13/13 in room 3052

The Advocacy Subcommittee will meet at noon on 3/13/13 in room 3052