MEMORANDUM

TO: ARIZONA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL
FROM: ANNE ROCK, RECOVERY COORDINATOR
ADHS/DBHS/BUROEOf PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION
DATE: MAY 6, 2009
RE: NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Enclosed are the minutes of April 22, 2009, and the agenda for our next meeting, which is scheduled for:

May 20, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Verde Valley Guidance Clinic
8 East Cottonwood
Building C, Video Conference Room
Cottonwood, AZ
Telephone: 928-634-2236 (main number)

Directions to Clinic: Head west on 89A through the center of Cottonwood, and turn left (or south) on the Willard Street intersection. The clinic is one of three buildings located on top of the hill overlooking Cottonwood, and is past National Bank and Citizen’s Utilities. Please arrange to meet at the reception area in Building A, which is Administration. We will then be escorted to Building C for our meetings.

Dr. Robert Cartia, Chief Executive Officer, and Laurie Verdier, Adult Clinical Supervisor/Recovery Facilitator, will also be joining us.

The following Committees will meet this month:

- Advocacy & Legislation: May 19, 2009, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Verde Valley Guidance Clinic, Building C, Cottonwood. **Telemedicine is available for this meeting.**
- Executive: May 19, 2009, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Verde Valley Guidance Clinic.
- Consumer Advisory: May 20, 2009, immediately following the full Council meeting. **Telemedicine is available.**
- Children: Instead of a regular meeting, the Committee members will attend CPSA’s 9th Annual Family Forum in Tucson at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde.

The Planning & Evaluation Committee has been canceled for May and will meet in June.

Please call me at 602-542-1161 (office) or 602-663-7234 (cell) if you will be attending via telemedicine or will not be able to attend.

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order & Introductions  Dee Ann Barber, Chair

II. Approval of April 22, 2009 Minutes  Chair

III. Verde Valley Guidance Clinic Welcome  Dr. Robert Cartia

IV. ADHS/DBHS Report  Dr. Laura Nelson

V. Arizona State Hospital Report  John Cooper

VI. Committee Reports
   A. Executive  Dee Ann Barber
   B. Advocacy & Legislation  Steve Carter
   C. Children  Vicki Johnson
   D. Consumer Advisory  Kevin Ferris
   E. Planning & Evaluation  Patricia Dorgan

VII. State Agency Updates
   A. ADC  Bruce McMorran
   B. ADE  Roberta Brown
   C. ADOH  Karia Basta
   D. AHCCCS  Rodd Mas*
   E. DES/DCYF  Mark Ewy
   F. DES/RSA  Leticia Labreque

VIII. T/RBHA Updates  Chair

IX. Announcements  Chair

X. Next Meeting/Agenda for Meeting  Chair

XI. Call to the Public  Chair

XII. Adjournment  Chair

*new AHCCCS representative

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I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. There was a quorum present. Introductions were made. Dee Ann Barber reminded the Council and guests that the meeting is conducted under the open meeting law.

II. Approval of March 18, 2009 Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

III. CMHS Block Grant Monitors’ Introductions

The Block Grant monitors deferred this for the interview, scheduled immediately following the business meeting.

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IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive: Dee Ann Barber reported on the results of the March meeting survey, which had high scores overall. The survey is done to ensure that the members’ needs are being met and to also gather input for improvement.

Dee Ann informed the Council that the minutes for this meeting will be late due to state employee schedules and furloughs.

The letter to Governor Janice Brewer regarding the possible creation of a behavioral health task force was mailed, as well as the letter to the Arizona Legislature regarding the Council’s opposition to the Legislature changing the conditions of the voter protection act.

Dee Ann also reported that the Committee discussed membership, which is a standing agenda item. One member has not attended for some time; a leave of absence was granted, however, there has been no contact from the individual and they will be removed from membership.

The Executive Committee also discussed a motion from the Advocacy & Legislation Committee regarding diverting Block Grant funds for crisis intervention training, to be coordinated at the state level with dedicated staff. The Committee tabled continued discussion for the May meeting due to lack of time.

B. Advocacy & Legislation: Steve Carter reported that the Committee discussed the FY 2010 state budget. A legislative hearing is scheduled for April 23rd, but may be canceled because there is no final budget. The Committee sent out two letters, as reported by Dee Ann Barber, and the Committee also made a motion at this meeting to draft two additional letters. One letter will address HB 2378, which will dismantle the state child welfare system. The second letter will be a letter of introduction to the various state advocacy organizations (Arizona Council of Human Services Providers, for example) and to request that the Council be a part of coordinated advocacy efforts for Arizonans with mental health needs.

C. Children: Vicki Johnson reported that the Committee met with Tungland Corporation and DES/DDD to continue its work to learn about the roles and relationship between ADHS/DBHS and DES/DDD when caring for children who are in both systems. The Committee plans to narrow down the issues that have been identified in a paper developed by the Chair to the Council and ADHS/DBHS. Vicki added that the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is currently being negotiated, and the paper’s recommendations could be discussed with DBHS management.
The Committee members also attended the monthly Arizona Children’s Executive Committee meeting; there was a discussion of out of state placements, and DBHS is tracking the number of children with the intent to reduce the number.

Anne Rock added that Dr. Sara Salek, DBHS Assistant Medical Director, worked with DBHS Quality Management (QM), to trend the RBHA monthly submissions for out of state data rate, by rate per thousand over the past several years. The feasibility of increasing the utilization of the Adolescent Treatment Unit (ATU) at the Arizona State Hospital was also discussed at the Children’s Medical Directors’ meeting, as an alternative to placing children out of state. There is interest in collaborating with the RBHA Children’s Medical Directors on this issue. DBHS QM staff added an out-of-state placement tab to its structural elements reports for the years 2007-2008. Findings were that there has been no substantial change in statewide out of state placements over this time frame. The average was less than 1 placement per 1,000 enrollees statewide. DBHS’ goal is to get this number as close to zero as possible; the Meet Me Where I Am campaign and using other state resources, such as the Adolescent Treatment Unit at the State Hospital will help in achieving the goal.

D. Consumer Advisory: Kevin Ferris reported the Committee continued the Council discussion of the Arnold v Sarn lawsuit at its March meeting. The Committee agreed that a dialogue with the Court Monitor’s Office was needed to further the Committee’s understanding, and Kevin will work with state staff to arrange the meeting.

The Committee discussed the AHCCCS and DBHS policy manuals, which have differing standards. A discussion will be arranged with DBHS Policy staff. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a behavioral health taskforce, and the importance of consumer and family member representation.

The Committee also discussed the feasibility of starting a formal statewide network of consumers; activities will begin with inviting local community members to the Council and Committee meetings.

E. Planning & Evaluation: Patricia Dorgan reported that the Committee viewed the crisis intervention training (CIT) video, provided by Joe Mucenski. Joe requested that the Council support funding from the Block Grant for CIT at the state level. This was brought before the Executive Committee, which tabled the discussion until May.

The Committee will also resume its review of DBHS reports.
VIII. T/RBHA Updates

**CPSA:** Phyllis Grant reported that CPSA is hosting the ninth annual Family Forum on May 21st in Tucson.

**NARBHA:** Kevin Ferris reported that NARBHA is continuing its re-investment back to the community. Four NARBHA clinics are moving towards integration with physical health care, and some of this funding was awarded to them.

IX. Announcements

Mark Ewy reported that the interim director, Linda Blessing, has resigned. Neil Young is the new Director of DES.

Vicki Johnson reported that Children’s Mental Health Week is scheduled May 3rd – 9th, 2009. There is an event planned during Art Awakenings, which is the first Friday of the month, and a family picnic will be held May 2nd. In addition, there is a fundraiser scheduled for May 30th, which is a Diamondbacks game.

X. Next Meeting/Agenda for Meeting

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There was no response.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.