

**PIMA COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
FOR THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL
4400 E. Broadway #300
Tucson, Arizona 85711
March 24th, 2009
Minutes**

Committee Members Present:

Ken Karrels, Ph.D. Chair
Susan Hyder, Vice Chair
Joe Mucenski, Vice Chair
John S O'Dowd
Charlie Arbaugh
Karol Basel
Elizabeth Edwards
Eleanor Schorr
Judy Kowalick
Mary Wetzel
Barbara Carling

Committee Members Absent:

Dave Ruitenberg

ADVISORS PRESENT:

Neal Cash, CPSA
Yisel Sanchez, ADHS HRC Coordinator
Noel Gonzalez, CPSA

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Michelle Michelson

Issue	Discussion	Action/Outcomes	Responsible Party(ies)	Date Due
Review of minutes from 2/24/09	Correction to pages 3,4,5,6 and also added Elizabeth Edwards and Barbara Carling as being absent.	Motion made to accept February minutes as amended.	John moves, Joe seconds that minutes be approved. All were in favor.	N/A
Announcements /Public Comment	NAMI walk on March 28 th .	Everyone is encouraged to attend. Registration begins at 7:30.	Judy Kowalick	
DBHS Report:	Yisel reports back to committee request to have DBHS IT help create queries in the ACCESS Database.	Meeting with Susan Ross Reveals that IT does not support the MS Access application. Instead they are being given the option to have a Web Tool/Web Application created. This option would allow committee members access though the internet. The web app would buy the committee more security, ability to see everything, pull down menus, and it would be backed up daily weekly even monthly. Reports could be created any way committee requested. Yisel has asked the committee to come up with ideas as to what they	Yisel	

		like to see and send them to her. A meeting will be schedule with IT at DBHS to being the creation process of the web application for the committee.		
Neal Cash, CPSA	<p>Neal says to keep in mind that the competition is not non-profit organizations.</p> <p>Bid takes place in August. The competition is not other non profit organizations its Magellan, United Health, and Neal mention that their financial statement look a lot better than theirs. They have been stock piling and have put CPSA in a competitive disadvantage. CPSA has financial rations to meet their contract with the state, they have to have a certain dollar amount in the bank incase they were to default.</p> <p>United health is a counter part of AIG. United health care won the New Mexico Behavioral Health Contract and they will be bidding here.</p> <p>The stronger CPSA could be and the more community focus they have the better because financially they cant compete with them. The only way to compete is to gather support from the community.</p> <p>CRC-Crisis Recovery bonds. Neal became very disillusioned with the bonds 9 months ago when he saw the final drawing to the hospital. Then the county shows their plans. There was no</p>	<p>CPSA has to bid in August and the have to be strong, states Neal Cash. He emphasizes that it is very important that they get as much community support as possible.</p> <p>Is GEO Care going to be brought in to run the State hospital? Neal has no idea who they are but states that he would not be surprised because the legislature is looking at ways of selling assets and prioritizing, looking at ways to get the state out of some of this business.</p> <p>CPSA is currently picking up EVERYTHING for non title 19.</p> <p>Neal says that in order to move forward he will have to see clear evidence that this hospital will have an expanded psychiatric ED, and second they will have</p>		

	<p>psychiatric ed. There was none they were going to give eight beds for it. County and UPH having lots of issues.</p> <p>Neal cash distributed handout to the committee. Letter re: Policy Decisions for Immediate Implementation, a letter regarding Budget Adjustments for FY'09 for non-TXIX BHS, and Business Operations Finance sheets.</p>	<p>to clearly work out an agreement with UPH that they respect and understand what CPSA will be doing there. They will not just become an annex of that hospital. Meeting with county people on Thursday, want to hear his concerns since talking to Chuck.</p> <p>Ken suggests that information like this is what should be inserted into the news letter.</p>		
Annual Report	<p>Report finalized and sent via email to all member of the committee.</p>	<p>Motion made to accept finalized annual report.</p> <p>John suggested that a copy of their report be published in the local newspaper. Ken asks that report first be sent to Laura Nelson in the Directors Office. Yisel will forward.</p>	<p>John moves, Joe seconds the annual report be accepted. All in favor.</p>	
Michele-Crisis Report	<p>Michele reports that her official role ended when she left the Center for Disability Law. Neal was sent a letter indication she was no longer going to be there.</p>	<p>Michele suggests that a section be written and published in the news letter raising the crisis issue and demanding real information. Committee agrees that they should pull all old attempts from the committee along with</p>	<p>Michele Susan</p>	

		Neal's old letter. Susan will follow up with Clark and let Michele, Joe and Ken know the outcome regarding Crisis.		
Site Review	Joe reports that he received report indicating all housing options. Work group only includes 4 people, and at least 80-90 places to visit.	Committee will attempt to use forms and start with boarding facilities. Committee members agree that all will respond to email asking which network each can help on.	John moves, Judy seconds and all were in favor. Joe	

Systemic Advocacy-John Newsletter	Michele is in the process of crating a mock of what the news letter should look like. The idea is to be low content and ask questions such as the budget or the CRC. Newsletter should be distributed quarterly and begin in the spring.	Susan suggests that topics be assigned to each member and given a submission date. Committee raises the issue of accuracy. How accurate would it be? Elly suggests focusing on one or two key points. Evens suggest a letter to the editor. Mary suggests that it be sent out as an email alert or a news bulletin.	Susan moves to table newsletter until summer but continue to work on it, Joe seconds, all were in favor.	
Upcoming Meeting/ Events	Nami Walk- March 28 th 2009.	Suggestion was made to set up table with information in regard to the Pima Human Rights Committee.	Judy	