

ARIZONA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

150 North 18th Avenue, 2nd Floor

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

MEMORANDUM

TO: ARIZONA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL

**FROM: ANNE ROCK, RECOVERY COORDINATOR
ADHS/DBHS/BUREAU OF PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION**

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2009

RE: NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Enclosed are the minutes of November 18, 2009, and the agenda for our next meeting, which is scheduled for:

**December 16, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
North Phoenix Visions of Hope
15044 North Cave Creek Road
Phoenix, AZ
Telephone: 602-404-1555 (Main Number)**

Please call me at 602-542-1161 (office) by close of business December 11th, or 602-663-7234 (cell) if you will be attending. North Phoenix is providing a holiday luncheon and a head count is needed. Thank you.

Directions to North Phoenix Visions of Hope: Take AZ-51 north to the Greenway Road (exit 12). Turn left at Greenway, drive approximately 3 miles until you reach Cave Creek Road. Turn left onto Cave Creek. North Phoenix is located on the right hand (west side) of Cave Creek Road.

No telemedicine is available for this meeting.

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- Executive: December 15, 2009, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., ADHS/DBHS, Conference Room 295B.
- Planning & Evaluation: December 16, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., North Phoenix Visions of Hope, Phoenix.

The Consumer Advisory Committee will not meet this month, but will resume in January.

I hope to see you there, if not, have a nice holiday season!

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10:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
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15044 NORTH CAVE CREEK ROAD
PHOENIX, AZ

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order & Introductions | Dee Ann Barber, Chair |
| II. | Approval of November 18, 2009 Minutes | Chair |
| III. | Welcome to North Phoenix Visions of Hope | James Russo |
| IV. | ADHS/DBHS Report | Dr. Laura Nelson |
| V. | Arizona State Hospital Report | John Cooper |
| VI. | Election of Council Officers, 2010-2012 | Chair |
| VII. | Committee Reports | |
| | A. Executive | Dee Ann Barber |
| | B. Advocacy & Legislation | Steve Carter |
| | C. Children | Vicki Johnson |
| | D. Consumer Advisory | John Baird |
| | E. Planning & Evaluation | Patricia Dorgan |
| VIII. | State Agency Updates | |
| | A. ADC | Bruce McMorrان |
| | B. ADE | Roberta Brown |
| | C. ADOH | Karia Basta |
| | D. AHCCCS | Rodd Mas |
| | E. DES/DCYF | Mark Ewy |
| | F. DES/RSA | Letitia Labrecque |
| IX. | T/RBHA Updates | Chair |
| X. | Announcements | Chair |
| XI. | Next Meeting/Agenda for Meeting | Chair |
| XII. | Call to the Public | Chair |
| XIII. | Adjournment | Chair |

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MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009 THE EXCEL GROUP 3220-B EAST 40TH STREET YUMA, AZ

Members Present

Dee Ann Barber, Chair-via telemed
John Baird
Karia Basta-via telemed
John Cooper-via telemed
Julia Engram
Mark Ewy
Sue Gilbertson
Vicki Johnson
David Bjorn for
for Rodd Mas-via telemed
Bruce McMorrان-via telemed
Joe Mucenski
Laura Nelson
Sandra Ortiz
James Russo

Members Absent

Roberta Brown
Steve Carter
Pedro Cons
Patricia Dorgan
Gita Enders
Lyle Ford
Phyllis Grant
Letitia Labrecque
Alida Montiel
Dan Wynkoop

DBHS Staff

Sheila Lopez/CSU-via telemed
Heather Mathews/BGMER-via telemed
Anne Rock/BPR

Guests

George Galliher
Henry Willey

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. There was a quorum present. Introductions were made.

II. Approval of October 21, 2009 Minutes

The minutes were approved as written. Sue Gilbertson requested an addition to Agenda item XI, Announcements to clarify the sentence: Richard Fimbres was running for Tucson City Council (which he won).

III. Cenpatico Report

Terry Stevens welcomed the Council to Yuma. Cenpatico has undergone some transition, primarily the change in the Excel Group's contract in the Yuma area. The contract has been downsized but the agency will continue its housing program.

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The level of services has increased, and Cenpatico has expanded its provider choice in the Yuma and La Paz counties. The new providers are Horizon Human Services, and Superstition Mountain Behavioral Health Center. Horizon Human Services incorporates the Village model for the adult population, and they will also be assuming responsibility for Title 36 clients.

Providence and Arizona's Children Association provide Home Care Training to Home Care Client (HCTC) services. The Yuma Treatment Center offers methadone treatment for IV drug users; there is a large population in the Yuma area. MIKID provides respite and support services, and Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) offers a full array of outpatient services. Unfortunately the Latino Family Center was closed due to loss of funding.

Other providers serving the county are Community Intervention Associates (CIA) and Arizona Community Treatment Services (ACTS). CIA has expanded their services to San Luis and Parker, and ACTS serves the La Paz County and the town of Wellton.

Other programs include the "Living Room", which is a crisis program, with a team to stabilize individuals up to 23 hours. Cenpatico has a pilot consultation/supervision program which is used to consult on difficult cases, as well as technical assistance to inexperienced staff. The Crossroads Mission is primarily a substance abuse provider for adults; the Mission's program also includes a Level 4 stabilization unit. Community Bridges provides mental health services and respite for adults.

Terry distributed the program description for Turtle Bay Café, which is scheduled to open to the public on December 1st. This is a peer based recovery support program based on the Culturally Integrated Wellness model. There are two components to the Café: the café itself, which will be operated by "Friends in Recovery", who are the Turtle Bay Café program participants. The second component is a members only area, and is open only to persons who are referred for behavioral health services.

Linkages is now in Yuma and Parker. This is a Tucson based program that finds jobs for people with disabilities, including mental health. Linkages will look beyond competitive employment to volunteerism.

IV. Presentation: The Excel Group

Carol Carr acknowledged that the Excel Group is undergoing a major transition in their business, and is working collaboratively with Cenpatico to ensure a smooth transition for their clients. The transition will be effective January 4, 2010. As Terry Stevens reported, the Excel Group will be responsible for housing. There are approximately 150 individuals involved in the housing program. The Excel Group continues to hold contracts for First Things First (a program that was part of Proposition 203, passed by Arizona voters in 2006), and Healthy Families (DES program that serves at risk prenatal families and families with newborns).

DES/RSA and DES/DDD also provide a whole array of vocational rehabilitation services for disabled individuals seeking employment; the Yuma Work Center works in partnership with DES.

The Excel Group holds a number of commercial contracts with Yuma area companies for landscaping services, which is done by individuals in the vocational rehabilitation program.

V. ADHS/DBHS Report

Dr. Laura Nelson reported that the ADHS budget will not be part of the special session to deal with the 2010 budget, however there is a good chance of additional budget reductions. Dr. Nelson added that the Division wants to maintain the crisis services program.

The greater Arizona Request for Proposal (RFP) is due to the Division by December 8th.

Regarding Arnold v Sarn, Dr. Nelson reported that the recent filing by Governor Brewer will require legislative changes. There were two proposals in the brief. The first is a pilot program to integrate mental health and physical health services. The second proposal is to transfer the non-Title XIX general mental health and substance abuse adult population to AHCCCS, and receive services administered by its Health Plans. The next hearing is scheduled for December 8th.

Regarding the JK settlement agreement, the plaintiffs have filed for relief, stating that the State did not hold up its end of the agreement. It is now back in active litigation. Dr. Nelson said that AHCCCS and DBHS believe that the State has met the requirements of the settlement. DBHS developed a paper identifying the progress the State has made and its many child system accomplishments, which is now located on the DBHS website. Dr. Nelson urged the Council to read the paper.

DBHS' Sunset Review was completed; DBHS is approved to continue for another 10 years. The Sunset Review is done with all state agencies.

VI. Arizona State Hospital Report

John Cooper reported on the Hospital census: There are a total of 247 patients, and includes 104 civil, 122 post-trial (GEI and NGBRI), and 21 pre-trial (restoration to competency).

The 24th Street entrance to the Hospital is now open, and the original Van Buren Street entrance has closed.

The Hospital held its ground breaking ceremony on November 2nd for the new forensic hospital, which has increased in size to 122 beds.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Executive: Dee Ann Barber reported that the Committee met its By-Laws requirement to review Council membership. Four current members will be recommended for re-appointment to Dr. Nelson. The Council continues to recruit for additional members, and is looking at diversity and geographic areas, particularly rural areas and rural membership.

Sue Gilbertson commented that the DBHS November newsletter “Recovery Works” included an article on the Planning Council and its need for additional members.

Dee Ann also reported that the Committee is working on the 2010 schedule, and is holding off on any final decisions until the RBHA contracts are awarded. A tribe will be on the schedule for 2010. The Council will meet at ADHS/DBHS in January; AHCCCS in February, and in Tucson in March, location to be determined.

The member survey from the October meeting received high scores. Members were pleased with the CPSA and Cope presentations.

Dee Ann reminded the Council that there will be an election for Chair and Vice Chair at the December meeting.

B. Advocacy & Legislation: There was no Committee meeting this month, but will resume in December.

C. Children: Vicki Johnson reported that the Committee continues its work on the DDD/RBHA position paper. Dr. Sue Stephens, Medical Director for CMDP, met with the Committee at its October meeting. Two guest speakers from DES/DDD will meet with the Committee in December, and the input received will be added to the paper, which will be finalized.

The Committee will be embarking on a new topic in 2010, which is reviewing hospital emergency room waits for children, due to lack of other facilities.

D. Consumer Advisory: John Baird chaired the October meeting in James Russo’s absence. John reported that the Committee continues its work on the draft Adult Principles. The Principles include hope, respect, and dignity.

- E. Planning & Evaluation: Dee Ann Barber reported that Patricia Dorgan participated in the Block Grant review on November 3rd with Justin Chase from DBHS. Justin prepared a PowerPoint presentation and the two jointly answered questions from the panel.

Questions included the relationship between the State and the Planning Council, its work with veterans, the state suicide rate, the difference between TRBHAs and tribes, and coordination with other state agencies.

The 2009 Block Grant Implementation Report was reviewed at the Committee meeting the day before and was approved with minor revisions.

Dee Ann also reported that Patricia wanted to share with the Council that she had recently attended a Mental Health Statistics Conference. Topics included medical homes for persons with SMI. There are a number of models in the U.S., including Louisiana and Tennessee, where mental health and substance abuse services are provided in federal qualified health centers.

VIII. State Agency Updates

- A. ADC: Bruce McMorran reported like the other state agencies, ADC also prepared budget scenarios for 5%, 10%, and 15% cuts. The Director submitted its budget proposal to the Governor.

Bruce also spoke of ADC's proposal to privatize services.

- B. ADE: There was no report.

- C. ADOH: Karia Basta reported that ADOH is seeking feedback on a website the agency sponsors, called azcollaborative.net. Karia asked that members contact her regarding the structure of the website itself, if they are having difficulty in looking for something on the website, or if they would like to contribute an article on affordable and sustainable housing.

- D. AHCCCS: David Bjorn, representing Rodd Mas, reported that AHCCCS Director Anthony Rodgers stepped down, and Thomas Betlach, former Deputy Director, is now the new Director. Kate Aurelius is the new Deputy Director. The Council will have an opportunity to meet the new leadership at the February 2010 meeting. David also reported on the number of AHCCCS members. There has been a large increase (25,000 new members) in the AHCCCS system.

- E. DES/DCYF: Mark Ewy reported that DES' program improvement plan was approved by the federal government.

F. DES/RSA: Anne Rock reported that the Order of Selection has been partially lifted; a number of individuals in the Priority One class will be taken off the list and vocational rehabilitation services will be offered to these individuals.

IX. T/RBHA Updates

There was no report.

XI. Announcements

Joe Mucenski announced the Crisis Recovery Center in Tucson recently held a ground breaking ceremony and the project was \$20 million under budget.

Karia Basta announced that Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is November 15-21, 2009. Anne Rock announced that Crossroads Mission is hosting its sixth annual "Soup-er Celebration of Hope" today, November 18th.

Sue Gilbertson announced she attended Magellan's 2nd annual kickball tournament in Phoenix. The turnout was excellent and a good time was had by all participants.

XII. Next Meeting/Agenda for Meeting

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XII. Call to the Public

George Galliher expressed his hope that the Planning Council will re-consider him for membership at a later time, and he agreed to join the Consumer Advisory Committee.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.