

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: JUNE 5, 2009

RE: NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Enclosed are the minutes of May 20, 2009, and the agenda for our next meeting, which is scheduled for:

June 24, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Pascua Yaqui Tribe-Centered Spirit Program
Health Department Conference Room
7474 South Camino De Oeste
Tucson, AZ
Telephone: 520-883-5000 (Main Number)

Theresa Ybanez, Director of the TRBHA Centered Spirit Program, will join us and provide an update of the program since the Council's last visit.

Directions to the Centered Spirit Program: Take Interstate 19 South in Tucson to Valencia Road, and turn right. Proceed for about 4.5 miles to Camino De Oeste and turn left. The Tribal buildings are located on the right hand side. A campus map is attached.

The following Committees will meet this month:

- Advocacy & Legislation: June 23, 2009, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., CPSA, 2502 North Dodge, Mesquite Room, Tucson. **Telemedicine is available for this meeting.**
- Executive: June 23, 2009, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., CPSA.
- Planning & Evaluation: June 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Pascua Yaqui TRBHA, Centered Spirit Program, Tucson. **Telemedicine is available.**
- Consumer Advisory: June 24, 2009, immediately following the full Council meeting. **Telemedicine is available.**
- Children: June 25, 2009, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Luke's Behavioral Health, Phoenix.

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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7474 SOUTH CAMINO DE OESTE
TUCSON, AZ

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order & Introductions | Dee Ann Barber, Chair |
| II. | Approval of May 20, 2009 Minutes | Chair |
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| IV. | ADHS/DBHS Report | Dr. Laura Nelson |
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| | A. ADC | Bruce McMorran |
| | B. ADE | Roberta Brown |
| | C. ADOH | Karia Basta |
| | D. AHCCCS | Rodd Maas |
| | 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 |

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MEETING OF MAY 20, 2009 VERDE VALLEY GUIDANCE CLINIC 8 EAST COTTONWOOD COTTONWOOD, AZ

Members Present

Dee Ann Barber, Chair
John Baird
Roberta Brown
Patricia Dorgan-via telemed
Gita Enders
Julia Engram
Mark Ewy-via telemed
Kevin Ferris
Sue Gilbertson
Vicki Johnson
Letitia Labrecque-via telemed
Rodd Maas-via telephone
Bruce McMorrان-via telemed
Joe Mucenski
Dr. Laura Nelson
Dan Wynkoop

Members Absent

Karia Basta
Steve Carter
John Cooper
Lyle Ford
Patrice Gillotti
Phyllis Grant
Alida Montiel
Sandra Ortiz
James Russo

DBHS Staff

Paige Finley/BPR
Sheila Lopez/CSU
Anne Rock/BPR

Guests

Monty Bondurant
Pedro Cons
Richard Dehnert
David Simmons
Laurie Verdier

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 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 April 22, 2009 Minutes

The minutes were approved as written.

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III. Verde Valley Guidance Clinic Presentation

Monty Bondurant welcomed the Planning Council to the Clinic; Mr. Bondurant, the Adult Program Director for Verde Valley Guidance Clinic (VVGCC), reported that Dr. Robert Cartia, CEO, was attending an out of state conference and could not be here today. VVGCC recently implemented a new program that co-locates primary and behavioral health care; VVGCC psychiatrists and primary care staff work together in a new building on the VVGCC grounds. Clients can see their psychiatrist, primary care physician, and their pharmacist in the same location.

VVGCC is the oldest provider agency in Northern Arizona; it is relatively small, with 100 employees, and has an average roster of 2,000 active clients, with about 700 adults with SMI. This is about 12—13% of the entire NARBHA population. Services are primarily outpatient, but will the clinic will refer out for inpatient services. Programs include the “Women’s World”, which is a 12 bed, gender specific residential program for women who have a serious mental illness and a chemical dependency. The length of stay varies but is usually three to nine months.

VVGCC has a strong IT department, which has assisted the agency in transitioning to electronic health records. VVGCC is one of the first NARBHA Responsible Agencies (RA) to use electronic health records, and is ahead of many Arizona providers and the rest of the country. Richard Dehnert added that VVGCC created a Regional Health Information organization in order to share its electronic health records among the five stakeholders in the organization. This was funded through a federal government grant and greatly assists with internal coordination.

Some of the challenges the agency faces is funding, specifically for non-Title adult SMI funding; of the 700 adult SMI clients, only 63% qualify for Title XIX. All state dollars for this population go to medication costs, and very little is left for services.

IV. ADHS/DBHS Report

Dr. Laura Nelson thanked the Planning Council for their participation at the Block Grant Monitoring visit in April. The site visit went well and the monitors were complimentary of the visit and the meeting with the Planning Council.

There is an Appropriations Committee hearing today at the Arizona Legislature at 11:00 a.m. There were significant changes to the proposed budget. These included removing the 25% reduction to the non-Title XIX children, general mental health and substance abuse populations; the proposal to eliminate funding for the non-Title XIX adult SMI population (about \$76 million), changing the eligibility threshold for adults with SMI for Title XIX to less than 100% of the FPL and changing the adult SMI state statute from “shall” to “may”.

There has been no word yet regarding the ADHS FY 2010 budget; the Department had submitted budget scenarios for reductions of 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20%. The advocates have been very active at the Legislature to provide testimony regarding the impact that the reductions will have on the non-Title XIX populations.

Dr. Nelson added that she is also meeting with Representative Barto today to discuss the recent policy changes regarding who is responsible for paying for court ordered treatment for non-Title XIX adults who are not SMI. Magellan and Maricopa County representatives were also in attendance.

Regarding the recent Arnold v Sarn hearing on May 18th, Dr. Nelson reported that ADHS was not given an opportunity to speak; a representative from the Governor's Office did speak, and provided a report on the stakeholder meetings conducted by the Governor's Office. The Governor will also convene a behavioral health task force.

V. Arizona State Hospital Report

There was no report.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive: Dee Ann Barber reported that the Committee heard a motion from the Planning and Advisory Committee, which did not carry and was voted down.

The ADHS/DBHS Best Practices Advisory Committee is defunct.

The CMHS Block Grant Monitoring visit went well, including the interview with the Council. The report will be finalized in the next few months.

Dee Ann will be attending the annual CMHS Block Grant conference in Washington, D.C., in June. The meeting agenda is not yet finalized, and there is usually a conference theme, such as older adults or mental health transformation.

Dee Also also reported on the results of the April meeting survey, which had high scores overall. The survey is a good tool to gauge meeting effectiveness.

Regarding membership, there are three openings; the Committee is currently reviewing one individual, and a parent in the Mohave County area is also interested. The Committee continues its search for a Tucson area consumer.

Roberta Brown reported that the Arizona's Children's Executive Committee is considering re-structuring itself. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

B. Advocacy & Legislation: Sue Gilbertson reported that only six bills have been passed since the session began. The Legislature is focused on finishing the FY 2010 budget. The letter to the Legislature was approved for distribution, but the bills identified in the letter may not be heard until the next session. A second letter will be developed for distribution to advocacy organizations to introduce the Council and to forge partnerships. The Committee also discussed the Arnold v. Sarn lawsuit and the Court Monitor's report. As Dr. Nelson had reported earlier, a court hearing was held on May 18th.

Sue also reported that the Arizona Behavioral Health Foundation will be conducting its 4th annual Eric Gilbertson Advocacy Institute training in September 2009. Family members interested in the training may apply; travel and meal costs will be reimbursed for individuals residing outside of the Phoenix area.

C. Children: Vicki Johnson reported that the Committee met at Magellan and discussed its relationship and role with DES/DDD and RBHA enrolled children. Shawn Thiele, Magellan Children's Program Director, and Joanne Baron, a Nurse Practitioner who works with the DDD/behavioral health children, met with the Committee. Vicki added that she drafted a report based on the past several months' discussions and distributed to the Council members present at in Cottonwood. Recommendations are also identified in the report. Roberta Brown motioned to bring the final version to the Council and then to the Arizona Children's Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Kevin Ferris and passed unanimously.

D. Consumer Advisory: Kevin Ferris reported the Committee met at Cafe 54 and had lunch with their meeting. The Committee discussed the feasibility of establishing a web based statewide consumer and family network. The website could be used to share information and highlight upcoming consumer meetings, conferences, etc. A letter was drafted by Sheila Lopez to distribute when the Council is meeting, so that local consumers and family members can participate in person.

The Committee also discussed advocating to the RBHAs to provide scholarships for conferences. There is a consumer conference scheduled in August as well as the annual Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) conference. Anne Rock said that she would check on the possibility of providing some scholarships from the CMHS Block Grant.

The Committee also discussed the loss of warm lines due to budget cuts; there is a need to establish a statewide warm line that would be shared by the RBHAs.

The Committee will tour the Serenity Center (the local consumer recovery center) after conducting its meeting, which is immediately following the full Council meeting.

- E. Planning & Evaluation: Patricia Dorgan reported that the Committee did not meet this month but will resume in June. Agenda items include an update on the CMHS Block Grant conference and any new changes for the Plan.

VII. State Agency Updates

- A. ADC: Bruce McMorran reported that ADC met with DBHS, to discuss the release of prisoners who have a serious mental illness. Regarding the impact of the 2010 budget, there will be no furloughs, but some staff will be let go.
- B. ADE: There was no report.
- C. ADOH: There was no report.
- D. AHCCCS: Rodd Maas reported he is the new AHCCCS representative to the Council. Mr. Maas is the Acute Care Operations Manager and oversees the ADHS/AHCCCS contract. Rodd provided the latest enrollment numbers: there are 1,220,470 Title XIX eligibles, with 95,600 Title XIX behavioral health recipients. The penetration rate is 9.3%. Regarding Title XXI, there were 64,894 eligibles, with 2,689 behavioral health recipients. 49,000 new Title XIX members have been added from March/April to May 2009.
- E. DES/DCYF: Mark Ewy reported that the DES IV-E five year plan is being worked on, and will be sent to the Department of Health and Human Services. The agency continues to work to meet their responsibility despite the staff shortage; networking sessions are being held with staff to come up with creative ways to effectively handle issues.

Mark also reported that the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) rescinded (partially) its targeted case management rules.

- F. DES/RSA: Letitia Labrecque reported that DES/RSA closed its “order of selection” for individuals seeking vocational services. There are three categories, and Category 1 is for individuals with SMI. 3,000 individuals, including 800 behavioral health recipients were added to the waiting list in April. Leticia urged that individuals continue to apply and be added to the waiting list, as the date they are added is the date that will be considered when the categories are re-opened. A statewide training is scheduled regarding readiness assessment, and a consultant has been hired; Mr. Bill Kennard will be training on the Boston University Psychiatric Rehabilitation model.

VIII. T/RBHA Updates

NARBHA: Kevin Ferris reported that the Little Colorado Behavioral Health Clinic was chosen by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to participate on a national policy summit building safer communities and improving police response to persons with a mental illness.

IX. Announcements

Anne Rock introduced Paige Finley to the Council. Ms. Finley is the Bureau Chief of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Bureau at DBHS. Paige said that she and Anne will work with the Grants Management Bureau to ensure that the transition of the Block Grant from Anne will be smooth.

Anne also announced that the end of the fiscal year is June 30th, and requested that Council members submit their travel to DBHS for this meeting and the June meeting by June 26th or the reimbursement will be greatly delayed.

X. Next Meeting/Agenda for Meeting

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XI. Call to the Public

David Simmons shared his recent experience in dealing with a friend who was struggling with his mental illness; David assisted his friend by taking him to the hospital.

Pedro Cons thanked the Council for considering him for membership and expressed his admiration of the Verde Valley Guidance Clinic's implementation of electronic health records.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.