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Wednesday, July 22, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Hall of Administration – Board Hearing Room
10 Civic Center Plaza
(333 West Santa Ana Blvd.)
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MINUTES prepared by Danielle Hopson

Members Present: Cecile Dillon, Ph.D., Harvey Grody, Ph.D., Pamela Kahn, RN, MPH, Jason Kellogg, M.D., Kymerli Kercher Smith, Nomi Lonky, RN, Frances M. Williams, Ed.D., Gregory D. Wright

Members Absent: Randy Beckx, Carol Langone, LCSW, Chris Norby, Rachel Pedraza

Call to Order and Introductions

Cecile Dillon, Ph.D., Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. All in attendance made self-introductions.

Approval of Minutes – Action Requested

The minutes from June 24, 2009 meeting were reviewed for additions/corrections/deletions. Cecile Dillon, Ph.D. called for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Harvey Grody, Ph.D. motioned and Kymerli Kercher Smith seconded motion. Motion carried to approve the minutes with corrections. M/S/C.

Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Update – Annette Mugrditchian, Division Manager, Adult Mental Health Services

- Annette updated the board on the state and local budget. The big five has reached an agreement for the state budget and legislation will be voting in the coming days. Additionally, Annette reported that Prop 36, Cal Works, and Managed Care programs are still proposed for reductions.
- Furthermore, BHS has completed the year-end audit with over 98% pass rate.
- Moreover, in regards to MHSA, the PEI 2008-09 growth funds have been approved; however BHS has delayed planning in light of the budget challenges.
- Finally, Jenny Qian, Division Manager, MHSA – PEI reported that as of July 1st, the “Working with Children of Substance Abuse” program is up and running. Also, Jenny reported that several RFP’s are available and expected to be issued in late fall or early spring of this fiscal year 2009-2010.

Presentation – Kathleen Murray, MHSA Technological Needs Coordinator

- Kathleen explained the background of the MHSA Technology Project Proposal plan which included the purpose and goals of the project. Some of these goals are to reduce errors and delays in care, increase consistency in service planning and interventions, and improved compliance with HIPAA, state, and federal billing requirements.



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- Additionally, Kathleen reported that the proposal is ready to be composed and distributed for approval to the MHB, Board of Supervisors, and finally to the State Department of Mental Health.
- Furthermore, the plan will call for an update to the current software and equipment that the agency is currently using. This will also allow for improvement in care from on-line clinical decision-support and links to educational and reference sources.
- Finally, Kathleen reported that the project has been approved by the MHSA Technology Advisory Committee. The plan will be presented to the MHSA Steering Committee on August 3, 2009 and anticipated implementation by fiscal 2009-2010.

Committee Reports

MHB Arts Committee – Gregory Wright

Gregory shared a video with the board demonstrating the Erase Stigma Arts Festival with CSUF at Grand Central Art Center. The festival will be held July 11th – August 23rd. Free trainings, play, and films will be showed through the duration of the festival.

Legislation – Carol Langone, LCSW

Carol reported on AB235, AB 244, SB 38, and SB 543. Also, Carol updated the board on upcoming conferences on Laura's Law/Assisted Outpatient treatment.

Older Adult Services – Harvey Grody, Ph.D.

Harvey reported that the committee is making significant progress in the community. Furthermore, Harvey informed the board that he recommended the OAS committee to prioritize their goals and present them to the MHB, and then the MHB will address them with BHS administration accordingly.

Children's Youth Services – Pamela Kahn, RN, MPH

Pamela reported that Jenny Qian, Division Manager attended the July 11th committee meeting and Jenny updated the committee and various activities in progress with MHSA – PEI. Also, Pamela reported that the committee will discuss goals and objectives at the next meeting.



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Public Comment

Tho Be:

Ms. Be informed the board that she is here to raise her voice in support on the Electronic Health Records (EHR) MHSA technology project. Also, with the EHR patients won't have to bring in all their information with them to their doctor's visit. She feels like this project will be better for the patients.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 10:52

Officially submitted by:

Danielle Hopson, Mental Health Board Liaison
Reporting Secretary

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