

Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council
Minutes
January 7, 2016
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
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Attendees in Chicago:

John Shustitzky, Ray Connor, Mary Smith, Anne Irving, Lynn O'Shea, Ann Schreiner, Ron Melka, Pearl Matlock, Irwin Kerzner, Anderson Freeman, MD (guest presenter)

Attendees in Springfield: Terry Carmichael, Michelle Carmichael, Lora Thomas

Attendees by Telephone: Christine Walker, Susan Ling, Amy Starin, Robin McGinnis, Shirley Davis (guest), Andrea Cooke, AJ French, Daniel Martinez, Cara Emrich, Mary Ann Abate, Cindy Daxenbichler, Margo Roethlisberger, Georgiana Broughton, Leanne Reinart, Dennis Hopkins, Jeanne Summerfield, Shawn Cole (guest), Fred Friedman, Brenda Eakins(guest), John Persons (guest), Cheryl Niemo Katy Jones (guest)

The meeting was called to order by Andrea Cooke at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ron Melka and seconded by Pearl Matlock. Corrections to the minutes under the Adult Inpatient report were noted by Andrea Cooke to include continuation of "**Assertive Community Treatment**" presentation. Minutes approved as amended.

AJ French abstained as was not present at last meeting.

Treasurer Report

Lora Thomas reported that since the budget impasse is continuing there is no funding designated so there is no report to be made. John Shustitzky reminded Council members that as a result there would be no reimbursement for travel or attendance until a budget is passed authorizing funding.

AJ French requested a moment before moving into the formal agenda to inform the Council members of the "Say it Out Loud" event to be held March 11, 2016. The event is sponsored by the Alton Community Relations Commission and will be held at the:

Alton High School auditorium
4200 Humbert Road
Alton, IL 62002
6:30 – 9:00 pm

Ms. French continued with a summary of her attendance at a faith based meeting with the U.S. Surgeon General focused on issues related to mental health with an eye towards development of a state-wide campaign. The purpose of the meeting was to address barriers, focus on what is helpful and exploration of ideas related to launching the campaign. She included suggestions of:

- engaging a CRSS individual within ministry teams
- connecting with schools that prepare faith leaders and include training on WRAP, Mental Health First Aid and recovery
- visit state hospitals

Members of the Council thanked AJ for her courage and leadership in this most important endeavor.

Report on ICG Transition to HFS:

Shawn Cole, guest, and representative of HFS briefed the council on the status of the current transition of the ICG program from DMH to HFS. He noted the commitment by HFS to be open and transparent in this process, and that an email to all providers regarding the transition had been distributed.

Ray Connor inquired with regard to what is being done to create an advisory council to work with HFS in the transition. Mr. Cole responded that the first priority is to move the function from DMH to HFS, and to ensure that all recipients continue to be stable in services in the process. There is no stakeholder process at present, but there is to be in the future.

John Shustitzky inquired if there would be more clarity by the March meeting of the Council. Mr. Cole responded that HFS is to have full administrative control by March 8, 2016. John reinforced the need for robust community/family input to the process in an advisory role, and requested update for the March 3rd meeting.

Ray Connor noted that the C&A Committee is to meet on February 19th and invited an update to that committee. Mr. Cole noted that he would work with Jeanne Summerfield to provide that update as requested.

It was further noted regular updates at Council meetings would be helpful as well.

Development Committee

Minutes from the meeting were distributed to the members ahead of the Council meeting for review. AJ French noted the volume of work by the Council, and that the review of the bylaws is continuing. The committee recommended suspending the bylaw terms and election of members until the committee completes the review process, no later than May 2016. A motion from the committee was introduced:

Motion:

We move the deferment of officer election until the Development Committee presents a slate of candidates.

Ron Melka called the question with a **unanimous vote in favor of the motion.**

Two candidates slated for election, Cheryl Niemo and John Persons briefly discussed their backgrounds for the committee. They were both welcomed to the meeting with it being also noted they could not vote on Council business due to suspension of bylaws. Mr. Melka noted that they both could however join committees as they wish.

Ms. French noted the re-activation of the Persons with Mental Illness in Criminal Justice Systems and invited Dr. Freeman to participate. Fred Friedman also expressed his interest in joining this committee.

In response to a question from Dr. Smith, Ms. French noted that the Committee welcomes suggestions with regard to charter and goals for the committee. Dr. Smith noted she would send along comments or will attend the meeting.

Mary Ann Abate commented that decreasing the prison population is a focus for Governor Rauner; and that perhaps there could be a tie-in with the committee. Anne Irving noted that the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform is to have a report due December 31, 2015 with suggestions for a plan to reduce the prison population. Another report is due in late March to delineate action plans. She noted that the Commission can take public comments any time. It was suggested that the Council consider a motion with regard to care coordination for those discharged from prison and transitioning back to the community. The request for the motion was deferred to "New Business".

Adult Inpatient Report

It was noted that the discussion with regard to ACT and Open Dialog continues in the committee. Dennis Hopkins commented on the importance of consistency in providers, and the barriers that currently exist in the state to sharing of information between state agencies and systems, making informed treatment at each stage challenging.

DMH Report

Dr. Anderson Freeman provided an information and detailed presentation to the Council on forensic populations at state facilities. (Power Point and Jail Data link have been distributed to members following the presentation).

Dr. Smith noted that Director Knabe could not be in attendance today, but that she would attend future meetings. She then provided update on the submission of the Mental Health Implementation report and the Certified Community Behavioral Health Center process.

Terry Carmichael noted that there will be upcoming webinars and a full day training on the CCBHC for providers to be held on February 2, 2016. More information is to be forthcoming. He further noted that federal legislation to expand the demonstration projects to all 24 states awarded the planning grants was not introduced. There is some hope that it will be introduced in the new session.

C&A Committee Report

Ray Connor commented that the committee did not meet in December so there is no report this month.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Fred Friedman noted that Next Steps is applying for a SAMHSA ~~RFA~~ RFA to create a state wide consumer network. Funding can only go to a consumer run organization. He further noted there was no action to be taken by the Council. This is informational only.

Ray Connor introduced the following motion:

IMHPAC wishes to express to the Illinois State Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform:

1. The need for a strong and well resourced mental health system to avoid the criminalization of individuals living with mental illness inclusive of the Child and Adolescent system
2. Our support for the role of specialty courts in diverting individuals with mental illness from the criminal justice system both pre and post trial and the role of case coordination

in providing critical supports to those so diverted including: housing, employment and mental health services

3. We strongly urge that similar case coordination supports be put in place for those individuals with mental illness being released from incarceration to avoid recidivism.

Mary Ann Abate seconded the motion. Lynn O'Shea called the question. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Ron Melka and seconded by Ray Connor. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Meeting schedule for 2017:

March 3rd

May 5th

July 7th

September 8th

November 3rd