

**Meeting Minutes of
The Governor's Council on Behavioral Health
8:30 AM June 9, 2011**

The Governor's Council on Behavioral Health met at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2011, in Barry Hall's Conference Room 126, 14 Harrington Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

Members Present: Rich Leclerc, Chair, Richard Antonelli, Linda Bryan, Cathy Ciano, Stephanie Culhane, Sandra DelSesto, Mark Fields, Jim Gillen, Joseph Le, and Reed Cosper.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Frank Pace and Sandy Woods, Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF); Denise Achin, Department of Education; and Charles Williams, Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

Guests: Jasmina Burdzovic-Andreas, Michelle Brophy, Karen Kanatser, Vivian Weisman and Alice Woods

Staff: James Dealy and Lisa Stevens

Once a quorum was established, the Chair, Richard Leclerc, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He entertained a motion to accept the minutes of May 10, 2011. Denise Achin motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Jim Gillen. Rich asked for discussion and Denise asked that the "Mayor's Office" mentioned in the minutes be identified as that of Pawtucket. Jim clarified that the Mayor's representative was Doug Hadden. Also, Patrick Kennedy was incorrectly identified as a former senator, rather than congressman on page 2. Richard Leclerc called for a vote to approve the minutes as amended. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

SEOW Update: Jasmina Burdzovic-Andreas presented. Jasmina distributed a handout of her PowerPoint presentation (*Attachment I*). The purpose of the 2010 SEOW Report is to inform and assist in data-driven, state-and-community-level planning and decision making processes relevant to substance abuse and mental health issues across RI. This data can be utilized for promotion, prevention, treatment, recovery and healthcare planning for RI and further inform local healthcare priorities. This report is available on the BHDDH website www.bhddh.ri.gov.

Jasmina went on to discuss census data and specific indicators relating to substance abuse and mental health. The data was broken down by national and statewide percentages. In 2010, RI students decreased consumption both statewide and nationally in 6 indicators, yet increased in marijuana usage. The report also shows that a higher percentage of schools in RI than nationally require health education and that teachers are effective in increasing students' knowledge of emotional and mental health.

The next step to this reporting will be to provide not only national but regional comparisons.

Jim Dealy pointed out that the SEOW Report is even more relevant now that SAMHSA, as part of the block grant planning process, is requiring states to use data to identify and prioritize populations for services, design services and measure outcomes.

Updates from BHDDH: There was no representative to present, but Denise Achin mentioned that the new regulations for developmental disabilities program are under public comment period until the end of June. Rich mentioned that that public hearing is on July 1st at the Regan Conference Center.

Updates from DCYF: Frank Pace presented *Attachment II*, the RFP for System of Care - Phase II: Networks of Care, which came out last week. It can be viewed on the Department of Purchasing website under “New Initiatives.” This is a definite shift in perspective from an institutionally-based to a community-based service system.

The Foster Care Regulations of 1998 have been repealed. Foster Care and Adoption Regulations for Licensure provide a comprehensive set of standards for foster and pre-adoptive care and are also utilized to approve legal guardianship placements. DCYF’s proposed rules include a definitions section and provide details relating to the licensing application, approval and re-licensing processes. A public hearing will be held to consider the new rules on Wednesday, 7/13 at 6:00 p.m. at the DaVinci Center for Community Progress, Inc. Anyone wishing to testify may do so by signing up at the Hearing or by submitting written testimony by Friday 7/8 to Sarah St. Jacques, DCYF, 101 Friendship St. Providence. DCYF proposed rules can be viewed at www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/.

Frank went on to list DCYF’s current successes and events including a well attended day-long conference in Newport for Child Abuse Prevention & Children’s Mental Health.

ROSC Committee Update: Sandra DelSesto presented. The Committee held a well attended meeting at which Steve Gumbly from Faces and Voices of Recovery gave a presentation on Recovery Oriented System of Care. That presentation led to a discussion about how the system needs to change and the possibility of bringing in someone from CT or PA, where cutting edge work is being done.

In addition, the Committee has begun a resource and gaps analysis around ROSC. It has outlined a framework for how best to approach this project. The report will have specific deliverables, including a philosophical discussion on what recovery is. An orientation to ROSC for the new Committee members is needed as a first step in preparing for this project.

Block Grant Subcommittee: BHDDH is convening a SAMHSA-required subcommittee for the Block Grant, which is asking for more volunteers. Vivian Weisman has been appointed to chair this committee. The Subcommittee will hold its first meeting before the end of June.

Old/New Business: Sandra requested that the Governor's Council take a position on the \$ 1M legislative line item cut in detox beds, which would result in shifting costs from detox beds to emergency rooms. Sandra made a motion to communicate our opposition to this cut to the Governor and the House leadership. Linda seconded the motion, and, all being in favor, the motion carried. Rich will send the letter.

Discussion of the PATH Application: Jim Dealy asked if anyone had questions or comments on the application. He encouraged everyone to give their input on how the program should develop over the coming year.

Congratulations were extended to Jim Gillen for his winning of the Vernon Johnson Award.

Upon motion being made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in Barry Hall room 126.**

Minutes respectfully recorded and written by:

Lisa Stevens
Secretary, Governor's Council on Behavioral Health