

Mental Health Advocate Search Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2010

3:05 – 4:15

Department of Administration

Conference Room C, Second Floor

Members present:

Joseph Bevilacqua, Ph.D.

James Curran, Jr., Ph.D.

Charles Feldman

Chaz Gross

Rick Harris, LICSW

Jim McNulty

Beverly Najarian

Claude-Anthony Pierre, MD

Kathleen Sherlock, Esq.

James Sullivan, MD

Vivian Weisman

The Open Session of the Mental Health Advocate Search Committee was called to order at 3:05 pm, by Chairman Joseph Bevilacqua,

pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Chairman Bevilacqua called the committee to review the minutes from April 6, 2010 and called for a motion to approve. Beverly Najarian made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tony Pierre. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Chairman Bevilacqua stated that the committee will review the list of candidates and determine which candidates will be interviewed, and reminded the Committee that they needed to forward a minimum of three candidates to the Governor. The Committee reviewed and discussed the candidates' credentials.

Of the 8 applicants for the position of Mental Health Advocate, it was determined that 6 candidates would move forward to the interview process. The Committee agreed that the interviews would be held on May 3, 2010 beginning at 1:00 pm and that the interviews would last 40 minutes.

Chairman Bevilacqua asked the committee to review the list of questions that would be asked of the candidates. Charles Feldman suggested that a few of the questions be revised. The Committee discussed and revised several of the questions, and determined that they needed to form a subcommittee to revise the questions.

Chairman Bevilacqua called for a motion to approve a subcommittee to revise the questions. Charles Feldman made a motion to create a subcommittee, seconded by Tony Pierre. The Committee unanimously agreed to create a subcommittee consisting of the following members: Kate Sherlock, Vivian Weisman, James Sullivan and Jim McNulty.

Chairman Bevilacqua asked the Committee if there were any further questions or discussion. The Committee did not have anything further to state. Having no further business, on motion of Chairman Bevilacqua, seconded by Jim McNulty, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.