

APPROVED 9-11-07
KING COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10, 2007
EXCHANGE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM 6A

Members Present: Nancy Dow-Witherbee, Lisbeth Eddy, Eleanor Owen, Allan Panitch, Ron Sterling

Members Absent: James Nobles (excused), Eugene Wan (excused), Gwendolyn Williams (unexcused)

Guests Present: Irene Hartzell, Board applicant; Dave Black. MH Ombuds

Staff Present: Rhoda Naguit, Jean Robertson

Incoming Board Chair Nancy Dow-Witherbee convened the King County Mental Health Advisory Board Meeting at 4:33 p.m. at the Exchange Building, 821 2nd Avenue, 6th floor in Seattle.

I. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

Eleanor Owen made a motion which was seconded by Ron Sterling to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2007 and June 12, 2007 as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Board Calendar

Nancy Dow-Witherbee briefly described what the Board calendar would look like. The calendar will contain due dates of documents for review/approval and various Board activities.

B. Cancellation of August Board Meeting

The Board will take a summer break in August, so there is no Board meeting on August 14, 2007. The next Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2007 at the New King County Building, Conference Room 116, located at 401 5th Avenue, 1st floor, Seattle, WA 98104 (between Jefferson and Terrace Streets).

C. Joint Board Meeting

Nancy proposed a couple of choices for the annual joint Board meeting between the King County Mental Health Advisory Board (KCMHAB) and the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) to start off. The Board can meet either on September 13, 2007 with the KCASAAB and hear a presentation from Anne Forbes of the Alcohol and Drug 24-Hour Helpline or meet on October 9, 2007 at our regular Board meeting time.

ACTION ITEM: After a brief discussion, Eleanor made a motion, which was seconded by Ron Sterling to hold the joint Board meeting in October at our regular Board meeting date and time since this year is KCMHAB's turn to host the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nancy will work with Joan Clement, KCASAAB Chair, in developing an agenda for the joint Board meeting.

D. Shoreline Forum

The forum on one tenth of ten percent sales tax initiative was so far the best attended public forum. Both the citizens and union were supportive; none spoke against the initiative. Most County Councilmembers were in attendance. Speakers observed the time limit for presentation.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Advocacy & Public Affairs Committee – *Jim Nobles*

Not present to provide report.

Nominations Update – *Nancy Dow-Witherbee*

No new applicant for Board membership at this time.

Quality Council - *Ron Sterling*

The council noted and discussed the small number of grievances and complaints that reach the Mental Health Ombuds office.

Recovery Initiatives Committee – *Eugene Wan*

Eugene asked to be excused due to out-of-town commitment today. He sent a written report.

IV. STAFF REPORT

Copies of the King County Recovery Plan for Mental Health Services Phase II Implementation Plan and an ordinance adopting the mental health recovery system implementation plan as required by the King County Council were distributed to the Board for their information and reference.

Jean Robertson stated that the second Recovery Ordinance and the five-year Implementation Plan went to Council in June 2007. The self-assessment is described in this plan.

A half-day Peer Counselor training will be held for providers sometime in September 2007. Eleanor asked if it is possible for the Board to have a non-participant role in the State Peer Counselor Training.

There was also a discussion on the issue of people transitioning from public to private insurance.

Jean mentioned that the division is currently drafting an ordinance to change its name to Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Nancy recommended changing the frequency of liaison reports from monthly to quarterly and staggered the assigned agencies.

VI. BOARD AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Nancy Dow-Witherbee
Board Chair