

Multnomah County
Mental Health and Addiction Services Division
Adult Mental Health & Substance Abuse Advisory Council Meeting
January 7, 2008

**Council Members
(bold = present)**

Barbara Angel, Trish Backlar, Greg Borders, Kevin Bowers, Margaret Brayden, Gayle Burrow, Ted Dorsey, Liesbeth Gerritsen, Ryan Hamit, Ann Kasper, Robert Leeb, Susan Marie, Linea Meade, Essie Morphis, Jeanne Robertson, Howard Spanbock, Tâm An Trân, Sue Waite, Derald Walker, Terri Walker

Guests:

Jon Betlinski, Gina Haun, Amy Zulich

Staff Present:

Karl Brimmer, Dr. David Cutler, Sean Derrickson, Anne Emmett, David Hidalgo, Ray Hudson, Ron Lagergren, Len Lomash, Godwin Nwerem, Bill Toomey

Recorder:

Irene Lee

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Welcome and Introduction	Co-Chair Tâm An Trân called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the table. Ann said thank you and resigned her position on AMHSA. Ann is looking to move to the children's advisory group.			
Reading and Approval of Minutes		A motion was made to accept December's minutes. Second	Ted Dorsey Kevin Bowers	Passed
Standing Reports	<u>Department Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to analyze the governor's budget that came out last month, as it was not kind to mental health and addiction services, and may be losing some very significant /key services that we consider to be the priorities in the systems. This is only the beginning and we will continue to talk more about the county cuts. Looking to have more information for our sub committees where we can talk about the priorities we see. (Sheriffs office budget is reducing by 12.8 million dollars. –Ted) Timelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ March: Governor's new forecast in– speculation that it will be worse not better which could mean more cuts. 	→Need to have a plan that shows how this will effect not just those who are mentally ill but those who will become unemployed due to the economy. →As individuals and as a council we need to keep open access/ communication to the Secretary of Health. Be able to state as a consumer/provider/advocacy group what works and doesn't work.	Trish Backlar	

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Standing Reports cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ April/May: Get an idea where Legislation is on the budget. ✓ Budget approved by Legislation – how long the session goes will determine when that happens. • Inclement Weather Staff Recognition/Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pretty amazing situations occurred even though the weather that happened. Department is working to put together and share not only what county employees did, but our providers and community did too. - Downside: Employees who had to stay over in 24/7 provider residential homes is an unanticipated budget cost at time and a half. – Howard Spanbock - See a community buddy system. – Ann Kasper - Appreciate the Call Center and Crisis Respond being available. It was really appreciate it. – Karl Brimmer <p><u>Division Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction New MHO Manager, Len Lomash has a wealth of knowledge from the public and private sector and excited that he is here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Main contact for OHP and Verity - Supervise the call center and system of care group. - Facilitates the Provider Review Committee 	<p>→ Residential was really hard to cover and some staff worked three shifts but pleased with the employee's effort and time in the walk-in clinics.</p> <p>→ Experienced the people at the shelters and they were so genuinely appreciative of just having a place to be and having people caring for them.</p> <p>→ NAMI was able to forward of phones to answer them and saw an increase in calls because of isolation and people just needing someone to talk to.</p>	<p>Greg Borders</p> <p>Bill Toomey</p> <p>Margaret Brayden</p>	
Committee Reports	<p><u>Subcommittees</u> Did not meet due to weather – no report Next meeting we will be looking at the budget in more detail on January 30.</p> <p><u>Membership</u> New Members voted in: Dr. Jon Betlinski Howard Spanbock Barbara Angel</p>			<p>Passed Passed Passed:1 abstention</p>
Unfinished	In review of the past year's notes Kevin wanted to		.	

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Business	<p>remind the council of some unfinished business and start thinking about whether we will bring these forward to complete or drop from list.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Concern of improving flow of information. 2) SubAcute Care Project – would like to hear what the status is. Special concern if some of the other resources are cut that there has got to be something in place to cushion it. i.e. involuntary commitment. <i>Discussion:</i> involuntary commitment, spend time periodically checking into money disbursement, emails/ phone calls/sending letters to representatives - we need to make noise to be heard. 3) Peer mentoring and support – we agreed that was an important issue <i>Discussion:</i> What help would NAMI and/or Luke-Dorf need? *NAMI is going to have peer to peer classes starting in September in Gresham, NW and Providence. There are currently 30 people on the list. Peers will receive stipend as being employed. There will also be support groups after classes. We're seeing such a need for treatment for the uninsured. 	<p>→ Motion made to put these three business items on the agenda so we can keep them on the council's radar.</p> <p>→ Second</p> <p>→ Discussion: need to have these on the subcommittees as we usually have a packed agenda</p> <p>→ Amended motion made to defer topics to subcommittee for discussion before placed on the agenda.</p> <p>→ Second</p> <p>→</p> <p>→ NAMI would love to see collaboration with other providers.</p> <p>→ Send an outline</p>	<p>Ted Dorsey</p> <p>Sue Waite</p> <p>Ted Dorsey</p> <p>Greg Borders</p> <p>NAMI</p>	
New Business	<p><u>Capital Meeting</u>: NAMI is sponsoring A Day at the Capitol. There are a couple of opportunities at the capitol rally. It is an important time to be there during this legislature.</p> <p>– NAMI or is working with NAMI Multnomah on an agenda</p> <p>NAMI Multnomah is working on family stories. We'll send the notices out to irene</p>	<p>→ Our view should be broader than just cuts don't lock ourselves in a mindset of just cuts – presenting a real argument for our case to the state</p>		
Other Business Other Business cont.	<p><u>Member Concerns</u></p> <p>Sue – contact issue on the street, maybe he should've known but he didn't know and we just need to know where to direct them.</p> <p>A: Call the Call Center and let him talk on your phone.</p> <p>A: There is a homeless provider network and can get in touch with the Call Center at 503-988-4888– Greg</p> <p>A: Dial 211 ask about any services - Ted Dorsey</p>	<p>→ Maybe we should have a methodology of this - a subject for the subcommittee. Put together a little paragraph in the subcommittee to tell people what to do in a situation like that.</p> <p>→ Opportunity could be for a community information training regarding what someone should do under those circumstances – as a group here could use it and then more broadly</p>	<p>Trish Backlar</p> <p>David Cutler</p>	

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	<p><u>Announcements</u></p> <p>Lisbeth Gerritsen– All 40 hour Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT) are finished for officers and sergeants.</p> <p>Q: Do they do any social type work to deal with things go after a crisis or deal with it then and now?</p> <p>A: Make a referral to project to respond.</p> <p>Mary Ellen Wince addictions training 1 – 3 at how to empower people with the state. AMH</p> <p>NAMI getting involved in mental health court representative every other week. There is a new member – public defender that will be helping.</p> <p>Reminder to AMHSA members there is a gathering of advisory groups this Thursday January 8th at 4:30 at the First United Church in Goose Hollow (18th & Jefferson). Think of questions for us – what are you very concerned about and any ideas you have.</p>	<p>disseminated.</p> <p>→ Concern we need to respect people's rights – a comprehensive list would be good.</p>	Tâm An Trân	Rose city resource guide – street roots office
Board Directors				
Meeting Adjourned	Essie moved to adjourn Greg 2 nd			
Handouts	• December Minutes			