

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
ADVISORY BOARD**

Tuesday June 7, 2011  
Elmview Conference Room  
*Taylor-Richardson Building*

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Jessica Bell, Jackie Herum, John Silva, Vincent Tomaso, John Ufkes, Robert Harden, Carole Rhodes, Rolf Williams, Everell Purcell, Nancy Lilliquist

**Absent:** Charlie McKinney (*excused*)  
John Bolla

**Coordinators:** Harry Kramer  
Bruce Tabb

**Guests:** Sue Ledbetter  
Bill Meehan, Special Services Director for Ellensburg School District

Jessica Bell called the meeting to order.

Introductions around were made

**COMMUNITY INPUT**

Bill Meehan gave a short presentation, answering many questions, on special services provided by the Ellensburg School District. Currently they are serving 382 children/students ranging from birth to 21 years of age. All children served must meet eligibility requirements. Their mandate is to provide "free appropriate public education." To help prepare for life after school, there is a transition program for students 16 to 21 years of age. Primary and secondary education differences were explained -- grade school and high school services (K-12) are entitlements, while college services are ADA accessible (college students must meet admission requirements).

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Carole Rhodes noted a correction on the bottom of page 2. "Carole Rhodes was excused for the qualified provider discussion..." -- corrected to read "**Carole Rhodes recused herself for the qualified provider discussion....**"

**Rob Harden moved and Jackie Herum seconded a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried with 1 abstention.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive Committee – *see committee minutes* - Arrangements have been made for Jackie Herum, Charlie McKinney and Ann Riley to visit the triage center in Yakima. Triage facilities are less restrictive alternative to jails.

Program Development Committee – John Silva reported the Mental Health Plan will be ready for board review (*hopefully go out in the mail later this month*). Board members were asked to review the Developmental Disabilities Biennial Plan (2009-11) review / proposed action for the 2011-13 plan included in the packet, and contact Bruce with input for the 2011-13 Biennial Plan.

Law and Justice & MH/DD Joint Committee – *see committee minutes* – next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2011 at 8:00 am

### **DD REPORT** - *see report included in packet*

Bruce reported the budget includes reduction for services residentially and vocationally. It is unknown how the reduction will be passed on to each county. At this time, Kittitas County's allocation remains the same, pending the implementation of the budget. The Division has issued a letter to the County assuring payment for services until such time as a contract can be put in place. It is projected the contract and allocation will be ready by August or September.

Board members were advised of a significant issue to follow - the legislature passed a bill which directs the Medicaid secretary to apply for a direct block grant for federal Medicaid funds.

*It was noted due to previous commitments, neither Tory Fiedler nor Tammy Winegar from DDD were available to participate via phone.*

### **MH REPORT** - *see report included in packet*

Harry updated clubhouse status (wellness program)

The RSN Quality Review Team (QRT) visited Kittitas Service June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to survey clients.

A brief discussion on crisis data and recent increases in call out.

2 staff are participating in Patient Activation Measurements

Kittitas started today their walk in clinic for assessments.

Washington State Health Care Authority RFP (Requests for Proposals) was discussed.

Several bills that were passed were briefly reviewed.

Harry highlighted changes in the state only contract e.g. data reporting,, contacting client for appointments after hospital discharge, providers can now train their own peer counselors, Mar-Allen changes, change in definition for mental health care provider

There is a law suit with the state on lack of intensive services in the system – no resolution at this time on that law suit.

RSN – Everell reported she is a new member of the fiscal and funding committee of the RSN. The State has become extremely arbitrary – decisions made by the State may not be disputed, they are final.

**GENERAL BUSINESS cont...**

Request for Qualified Providers (RFQ) – Due to her affiliation with EnTrust, Carole Rhodes recused herself for the review and discussion of EnTrust support documentation received. After a brief review of the documents, Kittitas County MH/DD Board agreed EnTrust meets the requirements to be a qualified provider.

**Rolf Williams moved and Rob Harden seconded a motion to recommend Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners approve EnTrust as having met the criteria to be included on the list of providers qualified to offer services to people who are developmentally disabled and living in Kittitas County. Motion carried**

**John Silva moved and Vincent Tomaso seconded a motion for adjournment.**

The next scheduled meeting will be August 2, 2011.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Smith