

Nebraska Division of Behavioral Health  
**OCA People's Council Meeting**  
**March 3, 2015 9:00am-3:00pm**  
**301 Centennial Mall South Lower Level D**  
**Public Comment open during the Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to order and roll call **Judie Moorehouse****

Chairperson, Judie Moorehouse opened the meeting at 9:22 am on March 3, 2015. Roll call was conducted by Lucy Flores and quorum was determined.

**Council members present:** Nancy Rippen, Mary Thunker, Lisa Casullo, Phyllis McCaul, Candy Kennedy Goergen, Jonathan Koley, and Chairperson Judie Moorehouse.

**Not present:** Tammy Fiala, Ryan Kaufman, Scott Loder, and Corey Brockway

**DHHS Staff present:** Acting Director Sheri Dawson, Carol Coussons de Reyes, Renee Faber, Nikki Roseberry & Lucy Flores

**II. Housekeeping and summary of agenda **Judie Moorehouse****

Judie Moorehouse asked for approval of the agenda with any added or removed changes; Carol Coussons de Reyes addressed that the agenda be changed on the removal of John Trouba on Advisory Committee Update and place Marla Augustine presenting on the topic of Media Campaign on Peer Support and to change Peer Support Training to be presented by Carol Coussons De Reyes. To be noted; Public Comments can be made throughout the meetings. A motioned to approve the agenda was made by Mary Thunker and seconded by Phyllis McCaul. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Handout A:** Agenda changes made to the draft agenda per housekeeping and summary of the agenda

**Handout B:** Past minutes for March 3, 2015

**Handout C:** Acting Director Sheri Dawson handed out 104<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nebraska Unicameral and Division of Behavioral Health Legislative Update  
March 2, 2015

**Handout D:** Carol Coussons De Reyes **handed** out Credentialing Committee Updates, Focus **Groups** on Regulations

**Handout E:** Carol Coussons De Reyes handed out UNL PPC OCA Timeline of Events

**Handout F:** Renee Faber and Nikki Roseberry handed out Preventive Advisory Council CHARTER

and Preventive Advisory Committee Council Update

**Handout G:** Carol Coussons de Reyes handed out Drafts: Consumer and Family Involvement in Nebraska

**Handout H:** Carol Coussons de Reyes handed out Nebraska Peer Support and Wellness Specialist Skills Training and Certification Update. The number of Certified

through the Office of Consumer Affairs currently total **286**.

**Handouts I:** OCA People's Council schedules for the year 2015 were displayed to take with past

minutes of November 4, 2014 and the March 3, 2015 agendas – Lucy Flores

**Approval of minutes**

**Judie Moorehouse**

A motion to approve the minutes for November 4, 2014 was made by Mary Thunker and was seconded by Nancy Rippen. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**III. Public comment**

**No Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Introduction to Acting Director**

**Carol Coussons De**

**Reyes**

Carol introduced Sheri Dawson as the New DHHS Acting Director for the Behavioral Health Division until further notice of new incoming Director to be announced shortly. Sheri opened with the introduction of transitions with the new CEO, Courtney Phillips, from Louisiana her starting date would be on April 2, 2015 and new Medicaid Director, Calder Lynch, also from Louisiana his starting date is March 9, 2015. Sheri's additional Acting Director position with the Behavioral Health Department has given her many great new opportunities to become more involved with all the different departments and to see the work flow along with what other departments are doing. Sheri handed out the 104<sup>th</sup> Session of the Nebraska Unicameral, January through June 2015, she reviewed with the members the 2015 Nebraska Legislative Districts and the district's Senators. Sheri also handed out a flier briefing the Division of Behavioral Health Legislative Update for March 2, 2015 a note on bills introduced by the 104<sup>th</sup> Legislature that affect DBH. Sheri asked the Peoples Council members how we can better connect with other advisory committee structures. Suggestions were given to offer updates, integrate members, focus on actual work, and to connect to larger advisory committees and everyone learn from one another. Sheri asked the council member's and the Consumer Specialists to think about connecting to other advisory committee members in learning together and what is there role in the community. Discussion on the importance of peer support in integrated health and using whole health models of peer support, like Living Well and Whole Health & Resiliency Training, was made. Judie commented that the consumer system was important part of the Regional Consumer Specialists work.

**V. Credentialing Committee Update, Focus Groups and regulations** **Carol Coussons De**

**Reyes**

Carol reviewed the handout with the members on UNL PPC- OCA timeline of events. From March 2014 through February 2015. On Peer Support regulations, service, general topics, and in June UNL PPC results and 2 public OCA forums. The state will have on-line feedback forums.

**VI. Preventative Advisory Committee Update** **Renee Faber and Nikki and**

**Roseberry**

Renee handed out a Preventative Advisory Council charter stating the purpose is to guide the Division Health Service Division for Behavioral Health (DBH), and related state agency partners; maximize statewide resources for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs prevention and health promotion in order to increase the amount of individuals reached by preventative strategies.

## **VII. Media Companion Peer Support**

**Marla**

### **Augustine**

Marla talked about her position within the media as a Public Information officer for the community, the legislation, doing news releases on articles, editing and editing reports for Media Champions. A media plan to promote peer support was presented. Jonathan Koley brought up wanting to do training and being available however, there is limited funding. He stated to move forward with publicity on peer support, we must have training capacity. Lisa Casullo expressed concerns about having a media campaign encouraging individuals to become trained peer support providers when there were currently few opportunities to actually practice as a peer support provider. A suggestion was made to hold off on doing a media campaign until more positions were created and available for peer support providers in the state of Nebraska. It was suggested to have the media to recognize Mental Health in the month of May. Marla and Carol finished with getting more input on May 5, 2015.

## **VIII. White paper-who/what sections**

**Carol Coussons De**

### **Reyes**

Carol Coussons De Reyes handed out a Draft; on Consumer and Family Involvement in Nebraska and asked member which sections they wanted to work on. Members requested to sign up for subcommittees by email.

## **VIII. Update on Conference Planning**

**Carol Coussons De**

### **Reyes**

Members gave updates on the May behavioral health conference ([www.nebraskastateconference.org](http://www.nebraskastateconference.org)) called Success, Hopes, and Dreams from the website. Judie Moorehouse gave updates on the planning towards a September Peer Support Continuing Education Conference and Summit. Candy Kennedy-Goergen has been invited to participate in this event.

## **X. Peer Support Training**

**Carol Coussons De**

### **Reyes**

Carol handed out Nebraska Peer Support and Wellness Specialists Skills Training and Certification Update. The number certified through the Office of consumer Affairs currently at 286. The Upcoming training that was to take place in North Platte on March 23,24,25,26, & 27<sup>th</sup> has been canceled due to not enough participants. The estimated pass rate is at 90%. It was estimated that this up from a 70% pass rate because of course teaching. Members recommended watching this number and that this rate may be too high. The number of CPSWS' for the different regions was presented.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Phyllis McCaul and seconded by Lisa Casullo. Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm on March 3, 2015. The next meeting is **scheduled for May 5, 2015 @ 9:00am – 3:00 pm Region V 1645 “N” Street Lincoln, Ne 68508**

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