

Nebraska Division of Behavioral Health

OCA People's Council

March 15, 2012 / 9:00am-3:00pm

Great Plains Art Museum

Meeting Minutes

Final

I. Call to order and roll call

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Carol Coussons de Reyes, began the meeting at 9:00 am, on March 15, 2011. Roll call was conducted and quorum determined.

II. Scot Adams

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Scot was introduced by Carol Coussons de Reyes. Scot is the Director of Behavioral Health. Scot talked about Mental Health and Medicaid, he would like to know hear from people about the problems. He also talked about Mental Health and Substance Abuse committees, how they are funded by Federal Laws and Grants. Scot thanked everyone for being on the committee.

III. Dan Powers

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Dan Power was introduced by Carol Coussons de Reyes

IV. Council Members

Carol Coussons de Reyes

OCA People's Council was introduced. Mary Thunker, Nancy Rippen, Corey Brockway, Judie Moorehouse, Patricia Vasquez, Tammy Fiala, Lori Hack, Phyllis McCaul, Jennifer Ihle, Kim Carpenter

V. Craig Thelen

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Craig Thelen talked about the Cemetery Restoration Park copy of the plan was introduced and a copy was provided to everyone. Four Cemeteries will be done. There will be a 20x20 fenced area for Memorial Park. Benches will be made by Beatrice Developmental Center. A stone from building 5 in Norfolk will have a quote "**FOR ALL THAT WAS, FOR ALL THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN, GRANT US, REST IN PEACE.**" Plan is to have all cemeteries done by end of June 2012.

VI. Public comment

Public was not present at this time.

VII. Olmstead Grant

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Olmstead Grant gets its name from the Olmstead Decision; this is where we get the funds for current OCA People's Council, Stipends for training, Travel Stipends. This is the first year that Council was funded by Olmstead Grant. Some past activities that was funded are Emotional CPR, 5 Day IPS Training in Omaha, Mapping Forums, Strategic Planning Forums, Mural Form, Distribution of Recovery Publications.

VIII. Jim Harvey

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Jim talked about the Supportive Housing. Housing is a very important subject. Jim talked about Uniform Reporting System (URS) Table 16. Jim talked about Fair Market Rent. Phyllis McCaul is a Rent Wise Training.

IX. Council Members

Carol Coussons de Reyes+

Carol talked about Feedback on Education, wants to know what education people need to live in the community. She would like to go back to where a NAS study was done, and provide education about Community Living. Would like to do survey before and after education. Carol would like to do a Certificate of Appreciation. For the first time presenting the Curriculum, that we would deliver it to make sure it is working. WRAP was brought up Carol suggested that can be present since she is a facilitator. Phyllis brought up that it is important to have phone numbers so people can talk to a live person and not a recording. That way they get the right information. Corey brought up there should be a bridge gap. He felt it was important to get the phone call instead of just being handed the material. It was brought up what population is not getting serviced. Would like to have a uniform book available for the public.

X. Patrick Johnson

Carol Coussons de Reyes

Heather Wood, Cody Meyer, and Patrick came in and talked about different surveys that we can use for the pilot survey. Patrick explained the Recovery Survey which contains Recovery Assessment Scale, Mental Health Recovery Measure and Well-Being Scale surveys. Empowerment Survey which contains Making Decisions and Personal Empowerment.

Patrick recommended we use Recovery Assessment Scale Survey. Roll call for Recovery Assessment Scale vote. Corey and Judie motioned to vote on the Recovery Assessment Scale Survey, everyone voted to use Recovery Assessment Scale survey. Judie and Corey motioned to remove the Empowerment survey, everyone voted to remove Empowerment Survey. It was asked by Corey to explain the word Community. Vote to use the Community Living Skills Scale Survey.

XI. Public comment

Public was not present at this time.

XII. Mission and Vision

Carol Coussons de Reyes

The Mission and Vision statement discussion was to make changes on *Charter*

- Item G remove to have meeting via teleconference
- Item H to meet Quarterly instead of Monthly.

Motion to keep Mission and Vision Statement the same after changes.

Carol reminded the committee they should elect a chair at the next meeting.

XIII. Addendum to the minutes Carol Coussons de Reyes

Total of two meetings could be missed by any members in one twelve month period.

Each region has one Consumer Specialist vote. There are members that are appointed by The Director of Behavioral Health also.

Members Present: Corey Brockway, Kim Carpenter, Tammy Fiala, Lori Hack, Jennifer Ihle, Phyllis McCaul, Nancy Rippen, Mary Thunker, Patricia Vasquez, Judie Moorehouse

Members Absent: Susan Hancock, Paige Hruza, Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Amanda Owen-Doerr, Ken Timmerman

XIV. Adjournment and next meeting

- Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved at 3:00 pm.
- Next Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2012 at Cornhusker Hotel.

Minutes prepared by the Division of Behavioral Health, Nebraska Department of Human Services. Minutes are intended to provide only a general summary of the proceedings.