

# Minutes

## Mental Health Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services December 7, 2006 Department of Human Services

**Attendees:** Denise Dion (Chair), Chuck Frazier (Vice Chair), Peggie Beck, John Brenne, Marilyn Hinds, Charles Kurtz, Remona Simpson, and Joan Staley

**Excused/Absent:**

**Guests:** Rebecca Curtis

**Staff:** Becky Murphy and Wendy Russell

### ***Called Meeting to Order 3:02***

**Review Agenda:** There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes: MOTION - Accept the minutes as written. Passed.**  
(Peggie Beck/John Brenne)

**Announcements:** Joan reported on the forum she attended at Marylhurst regarding older adult mental health where Denise was a speaker.

Rebecca talked about the name change to her unit in the Mental Health and Addictions Division which is now the Enhanced Care Services team. This team focuses on older adults and younger adults with disabilities.

### **Updates**

The Committee would like to invite Megan Hornby to attend as much as she is able.

Rebecca first reported on Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR). The plan is to obtain survey data on the effectiveness of the PASRR process in nursing facilities. Her team is also looking at utilization of services in the enhanced care programs around the state.

Suicide prevention curriculum is getting put together and implemented. Contracting with Kevin Smith at OHSU who is a geriatric psychiatrist to develop one-hour of continuing education for physicians on depression and suicide prevention. This will be disseminated through community forums; host agencies will assist local physicians to coordinate the regional forums.

## Work plan Reports

**Hospital Master Plan** – Chuck reported the work continues on an extensive planning document from central region community services in support of the Plan. This document will identify community resources and show what is needed in revamping the mental health system. The next meeting will be held later in December. Chuck noted that geriatric involvement is relatively low in the master plan. John Brenne volunteered to be part of the subcommittee; Chuck will contact Joan Claypool to find out how he can be more involved.

The Abuse Committee would like to push for each county to have a geriatrically trained mental health clinician to go out on abuse cases, and would like the Mental Health Committee to work together with them on this.

**County Mental Health Plans** - Charles and Denise reported on the summaries; however, they didn't reveal the complete picture on older adults and mental health issues. The complete plans will be requested. They did suggest that there be more workforce development for mental health workers to better understand senior issues and gerio-psychiatric specialties.

**SB 781** – The need now is to find funding to provide the mental health care for older adults. The emphasis should be on training.

A discussion with the Legislative Committee will happen to find out how best to move forward.

**Suicide Prevention** - Kelly will be hosting two or three community forums regarding older adult suicide prevention through the Public Health Division starting in January and then another set to be presented in the summer. Rebecca is not sure if she will be as involved as Jennifer Mead was in these types of programs. **Denise will get more information about the sites and inform the group.**

## Work Plan Development – Measurable Goals

See attached.

**Adjourn: 4:54**