



Developmental Disabilities/Mental Health (DD-MH) Committee – Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 – 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Attendance		
Committee Members	Title/Organization	By Phone/Absent
Marsha Wentzell	Commissioner	Present
Ruth Geislinger	Consumer – DD-MH Committee Chair	Present
Rebecca Hill	Family Member	Present
Katie Rose	Advocate	Present
Marilyn Schuster	Family Member	Absent
Shelly Reed	ODDS	Present
Wrex Holcomb	Umatilla County CDDP	Present
Joy'e Willman	SEIU, PSW	Present
Rebecca (Becky) Smallwood	ODDS	Present
Elizabeth Collins	PSW, Parent	Absent
John Griffiths	Advocate	Absent
Ewnetu	Tsegaw	Absent

Guest	Title	By Phone/Absent
Gwen Ayers	Business Analyst – PTC APD DHS	Present
Staff	Title	By Phone/Absent
Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom	Chair/OHCC DD-MH Coordinator	Present
David Vining	OHCC Program Analyst	Present
Nancy Janes	ERC Coordinator	Present
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Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Introductions / Dinamica	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
Adoption of Meeting Agenda	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
Review / Approval of Minutes /	Ruth Geislinger, Chair
PTC DCI Quarterly Update	Gwen Ayers, Business Analyst – PTC APD DHS
OHCC & SEIU 503 Bargaining update	Joy’e Willman, DD/MH Committee Member
Updates from Committee Members	All
Announcements / Resources	All
Organization Chart for PSW Discussion	Ruth Geislinger, Chair Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom, Chair/OHCC DD- MH Coordinator

Review / Approval of Minutes /

Joy’e Willman made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes as written. Marsh Wentzel second. Minutes were approved as written.

PTC DCI Quarterly Update by Gwen Ayers, Business Analyst, PTC APD DHS

Gwen provided a brief update on the PTC project status. She provided worker support avenues including the OR PTC DCI help line phone number-855.565.0155. The help line is available 24/7 excluding holidays.

She also reviewed project phases. The first phase was completed with the rollout of the system. The second phase is to connect the DCI system with the state pay system. The third phase is to connect to additional state aggregate systems.

The team is currently working on a process to provide extra help to providers who have not logged into the system yet. They are also currently working on some system changes.

Questions-

Joy’e asked if the fobs had been sent to all consumer/providers who requested them. She also asked if there were any improvements in the times that numbers can be shown on the fob so that they can be accurately written down. Gwen responded that all fobs have been sent out. She also responded that the best way to handle the short time is to press the button again and to write



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down the new number. Sometimes what may happen is that the button is pressed with on 2-3 seconds left for that number. Numbers are only available for 60 second intervals before they are switched.

OHCC & SECU 503 Bargaining update

Joy'e shared with the committee that PTC will be coming up soon as a benefit for more people and the time restriction will go away. There will be a communication coming out soon about the this, the holiday pay in 2023, and the pathway for a universal number. About the Universal #, it will help to streamline the process; ODDS is going to build a data system to role it and track it.

Updates from Committee Members

Refresher Training due date:

Wrex Willman had a question about the deadline of the mandatory refresher training on March 31st. Wrex was wondering if there is a way for CMEs to know a head of time like March 1st of providers that have not done the training so he and other CMEs can reach out to providers.

Other committee members reported that Carewell is already calling people and contacting them in different ways to get them to take the refresher training. Also, OHCC has been in communication with consumers, providers, and targeting people who have not yet done the training.

Wrex wanted to make sure that the Spanish speaking providers are being reached out to.

Also, a question from the group came as how quickly OHCC is going to act after the deadline if a provider has not yet done the training? David answered, there will be a whole process and no provider will get an immediate termination, the only thing will happen is an immediate appeal process. David can fill in the Committee on this process in the next committee meetings.

Short Legislative Session:

Katie Rose shared with the Committee about SB1548 – “Department of Human Services to allow specified individuals receiving in-home services and supports to receive agency with choice services to perform employment-related functions with respect to *workers*] **direct support professionals** employed by individuals to provide in-home services and supports.” (Taken from the Oregon State Legislature site). Katie was able to share with us the general idea of the SB, but she is following it to learn how it affects PSWs and PCAs and the work they do. She will come back next month with another update about this SB as we are watching how it unfolds.



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OHCC First Aid Mental Health Training:

Marsha commented that she took the first aid mental health training that is now online, it is an 8-hour course. She was able to learn so much about MH coordination, what to do in crisis and how to identify issues. It was a very beneficial in her perspective and wishes other people can take it too.

COVID-19 Related updates:

- Marsha shared with the committee members that if people are not able to leave home to get vaccinated, Yamhill County has a program that will send out a dedicated team to vaccinate people.
- David Vining shared with the committee members the vaccine events that OHCC is hosting this coming weekend. Wrex Willman asked if some vaccine events are going to be coming to Umatilla County or other eastern Oregon countries.

Life Course Training:

The Committee members agree that the Life Course training is made up of set of core values that is important to be touched on in trainings to providers and consumers. The goal of the committee members is to advocate to have that life Course core values in trainings so the PSWs and PCAs can benefit from it and the consumers can benefit from it too. Teaching the WHY (why some things worth doing), teaching the why behind goals and how the goal is related to the short-term and long-term future.

As a next step, Massarra will work on getting some examples of trainings that the OHCC provides, DHS case management, and ERC trainings that exist out there with Life Course core values to learn about how they are being used and see where the committee members want to focus their advocacy efforts on.

Organization Chart for PSW Discussion by Massarra Eiwaz-Ransom and Ruth Geislinger

The committee members are still looking into an organizational chart to start with. Massarra will be in contact with Shelly Reed at ODDS to learn about the organizational chart that they may have developed and see if it is something we can use in the committee to start this project.

Also, the committee members will be using the PSW Contact Information and Resources document <https://sharesystems.dhsoha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/de3674b.pdf> that was produced by the OHCC to add to the chart.

Meeting adjured at 11:30am