

**Community Service Network 2 Meeting  
Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, Bangor, Maine  
August 11, 2009  
Minutes**

**Members Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Acadia Hospital</b> – Annette Adams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Health &amp; Counseling</b> – Thomas Lynn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MDI Behavioral Health Center</b> – Sue Rouleau
<input type="checkbox"/> AIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consumer Council</b> - Vickie McCarty and Amy Astle Pease (Alt. Rep.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Medical Care Development</b> – Betty Foley
<input type="checkbox"/> Allies Inc	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dirigo Counseling Clinic</b> – Jill Peters (Alt. Rep.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Millinocket Regional Hosp
<input type="checkbox"/> Amicus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Ctr</b> – Linda Abernethy	<input type="checkbox"/> NAMI-Me – Families
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AMHC (formerly WCPA)</b> – Corey Schwinn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Downeast Community Hosp</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NFI North</b> – Scott Dufour
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Assistance Plus</b> – See Others Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Families United</b> – Jeremy Ashfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Northeast Occupational Exchange</b> – Sharon Greenleaf (Alt. Rep.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Bangor Counseling Center</b> – Theresa Oliver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Fellowship Health Resources</b> – Brent Bailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OHI</b> – Kathy Smith
<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Maine Coast Memorial Hosp	<input type="checkbox"/> Penobscot Valley Hospital
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Hill Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>MMC/Employment Services Network</b> – Leah Barteaux & Gayla Dwyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix Mental Health Svcs
<input type="checkbox"/> C.A. Dean Memorial Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Maine Mental Health Connections</b> – Robert Mathien	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Medical Ctr - Lubec
<input type="checkbox"/> Calais Regional Hospital	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayo Regional Hospital – Excused	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Joseph Hospital
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Care &amp; Comfort</b> – Beth Brown (Alt. Rep.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sunrise Opportunities</b> – Sharon Dean
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Charlotte White Center</b> – Mary Dunn (Alt. Rep.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wabanaki ~ Sweetser</b> – Sharon Tomah
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Choices</b> – See Others Present		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Together Place</b> – Lydia Richard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Community Care</b> – Tracy MacDonald		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Wellspring, Inc.</b> – Pat Kimball

**Others Present:** Assistance Plus – Stephanie Pellerin; Choices – Mary Timmers

**Staff Present:** DHHS/OAMHS: Scott Kilcollins, Sue Lauritano, Ron Welch, Leticia Huttman, & Marya Faust.  
Muskie School: Scott Bernier

Agenda Items	Discussion
<b>I. Welcome, Introductions &amp; Reminder to sign in</b>	Sue welcomed attendees and reminded all to sign in. Introductions followed.
<b>II. Minutes</b>	<p>June meeting minutes were reviewed. The following corrections are to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Tomah of Wabanaki-Sweetser was present.</li> <li>• Page 3, OTHER-Change in staffing: Change “Ms. McEwen will name an acting superintendent for DDPC...” to “Brenda Harvey will name...”</li> <li>• Under Meeting recap, change date in last bullet from Sept. 8, 2009, to Aug. 12, 2009.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> CSN 2 June 9, 2009 minutes were approved as corrected.</p>
<b>III. Review Direction for the CSN per 7/9/09 Memo</b>	<p>Ron summarized the memorandum that went out to all CSNs in July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CSNs will maintain the mission as listed on each meeting’s agenda.</li> <li>• CSNs will now meet quarterly. It will be a staggered quarter-not all CSNs will meet the same month in the</li> </ul>

	<p>quarter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly meeting agenda will include reports from workgroups and committees.</li> <li>• Establish a Continuity of Care workgroup that will meet each month when CSN is not meeting.</li> <li>• A monthly teleconference will be held to disseminate information to CSN members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>IV. Continuity of Care Work Group</b></p>	<p>Members were provided two handouts in regards to this agenda item. Ron explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The workgroup would include staff from DHHS.</li> <li>• It would be up to the workgroup to take minutes at their meeting. They will be posted to the CSN website if they are forwarded to DHHS.</li> <li>• Workgroup members do not need to be CSN members. It would be up to those in the workgroup to invite others into the group.</li> <li>• The workgroup needs to assign a leader who will report back to the CSN each quarter.</li> <li>• The workgroup needs to assign someone to record minutes.</li> <li>• The workgroup would work on one of the two topic items from the handout. The workgroup is welcome to add other subtopics under the topic item they choose to work on.</li> </ul> <p>Members were asked to choose which topic item from the handout the workgroup should review first. Members were also asked to select a leader for the workgroup. Several members suggested that it would be best to determine who would like to participate on the workgroup prior to picking a leader. Others wanted to talk to other members of their agency before making a commitment. Others wanted consumer feedback before proceeding forward. After much discussion, a motion was made to pick a topic.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> CSN 2's Workgroup will focus on <u>Improved Access to Services</u>. Motion carried with no abstentions.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Sharon Greenleaf has volunteered to organize the workgroup. She will contact those who are interested as to the workgroup's meeting location/time. A sign-up sheet for the workgroup was passed around.</p>
<p><b>V. Monthly Conference Call</b></p>	<p>Marya provided an overview of the monthly information teleconference call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose of the call is to get information out to CSN members quickly.</li> <li>• Please refer to the schedule that was sent via email.</li> <li>• The next call will be Tuesday, August 18, 11 am to noon.</li> <li>• DHHS members to be involved in the call will include Don Chamberlain, Ron Welch, Leticia Huttman, and Marya Faust.</li> <li>• The call is for all CSNs statewide.</li> <li>• The call will be recorded. It has not yet been determined how minutes of the call will be recorded.</li> <li>• If there are topics that a member wants to have covered during the call, please email them to Linda Kinney at the Muskie School.</li> </ul>
<p><b>VI. Meeting/Activity Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consumer Council of Maine</b></li> <li>• <b>Employment Support Network</b></li> <li>• <b>Crisis Quarterly Meeting</b></li> <li>• <b>Other groups</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Employment Support Network Report – Leah Barteaux &amp; Gayla Dwyer</b></p> <p>The recession has not affected the job search as most positions for these individuals have been entry level positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are still five slots available for consumers from other (non-host) agencies. The ESN meets at the Bangor Career Center on the third Tuesday of the month, 1 to 3 pm. Employers will be attending future meetings. In the past year 49 people statewide found employment. The target for that first year was 15% placement. They achieved 22.3%. Their target for the second year is 30%.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Consumer Council – Vickie McCarty</b>  The state-wide council has been very busy. At the state level, the council has been involved in two workshops. A new brochure has been produced. The council is working on a new logo. The council is collaborating with the Advocacy Network on a conference titled, “United Consumers” to be held in October.</p> <p>The local council is trying to get peer representatives in emergency rooms. They are also looking to ask consumers at DDPC to see what their issues are. If you know of other consumers/groups that we should ask, please notify Vicki. The local group meets at the Peace &amp; Justice Center on the fourth Tuesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:30pm. Agency members are welcome at the meeting.</p> <p><b>Crisis Group Meetings</b>  The July regional meetings were cancelled.</p> <p><b>District 6 Crisis Meeting</b>  At the spring meeting tasks to be addressed were identified, including continuity of care issues and how to better connect people with crisis services. The next District 6 meeting will be in October.</p> <p><b>District 7 Crisis Meeting</b>  WCPA has been acquired by Aroostook Mental Health Center (AMHC) as of July 1. It is now doing business as Atlantic Mental Health Center so the same acronym can be used. District 7 is being maintained as the providers, demographics and culture are different from District 8 (Aroostook County). Representatives from NAMI and the Consumer Council have attended the meeting. District 7 will next meet this Friday, Aug. 14.</p> <p><b>PNMI – Scott Kilcollins</b>  At the last meeting, the group worked around improving (reducing) the length of time someone has to wait to get into a PNMI. It was a productive meeting.</p>
<p><b>VII. Other</b></p>	<p><b>MaineCare Changes</b>  During the Continuity of Care Workgroup discussion, an issue was raised about the changes in MaineCare and the confusion this has caused some consumers. Members suggested producing a booklet for consumers and agencies listing the changes. Ron responded that there is a web-based training in development to teach people how to apply for services.</p> <p><b>AMHI Consent Decree related questions</b>  Questions were raised in regards to whether or not consumers under the AMHI Consent Decree have greater priority over other consumers receiving services. Ron answered they do not.</p> <p><b>LOCUS</b>  Questions were raised in regards to LOCUS replacing GAF for Section 17 eligibility and that some agencies were requiring consumers to complete both. Ron responded that MaineCare requires LOCUS. However, in the context of diagnosis, they do need complete both assessment tools.</p> <p><b>Targeted Case Management Memorandum</b>  A member asked for clarification on the above memo that was sent out about six weeks ago as it is causing confusion among some consumers and case managers. Response is that it will be covered in next Tuesday’s monthly teleconference.</p> <p><b>Hospitalization Rules Changes</b>  There are new rule changes that allow APS to review psychiatric admissions. It applies to all psychiatric units at</p>

	community hospitals. It does not affect Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, Acadia Hospital, Riverview Psychiatric Center or Spring Harbor Hospital. It should not impact admissions as it is an after-the-fact review of those admissions.
<b>VIII. Public Comment</b>	None
<b>IX. Meeting Recap and Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	<p><b><u>ACTIONS/RECAP:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many of the questions asked at today's meeting will be covered in next Tuesday's (8/18) teleconference.</li> <li>• Sharon Greenleaf will organize CSN 2's workgroup. Please contact her if you are interested in participating.</li> <li>• This CSN will next meet on November 10, 2009.</li> <li>• DHHS will ask the Muskie School to find another location for the CSN meeting.</li> </ul>