

**Community Service Network 3 Meeting  
Maine Principals' Association, Augusta  
May 5, 2008**

**Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:**

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| • Joe Tinkham, Care & Comfort                      | • Carla Beaulieu, Hope Recovery Center        | • Carol Carothers, NAMI-ME                  |
| • Charlie Clemons, Charlotte White                 | • Emilie van Eeghen, MaineGeneral/HealthReach | • Sharon King, Seabasticook Valley Hospital |
| • Bill Tanner, Community Correctional Alternatives | • Jim Talbott, Merrymeeting Behavioral Health | • Ric Hanley, Spring Harbor                 |
| • Lynn Duby, Crisis & Counseling                   | • Karen Fatz, Mount St. Joseph                | • Dana Hamilton, Youth & Family Services    |
| • Jean Gallant, ESM                                | • Ann Lang, NAMI-ME Families                  |   |
| • Jen Raymond, Graham Behavioral                   |   |   |

**Members Absent:**

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| • AIN                        | • Catholic Charities (excused) | • Kennebec Behavioral Health  |
| • Alternative Services, Inc. | • Community Mediation Services | • LINC Club                   |
| • Allies, Inc. (excused)     | • Consumer Council System      | • Maine Children's Home       |
| • Assistance Plus            | • Inland Hospital              | • Redington-Fairview Hospital |
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**Alternates/Others Present:**

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| • Lean Waldo | • Mike Waldo | • Bonnie York, Merrymeeting Behavioral |
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**Staff Present:** DHHS/OAMHS: Donald Chamberlain, Marya Faust, Wanita Page. Muskie School: Elaine Ecker.

Agenda Item	Discussion
I. Welcome and Introductions	Don opened the meeting and participants introduced themselves.
II. Review and Approval of Minutes	The April minutes were approved as written.
III. Changes in Involuntary Commitment Laws	Members received a memo dated April 28, 2008, from Ron Welch summarizing the changes to mental health laws related to involuntary hospitalization enacted by the state legislature in 2007 and 2008. Marya asked whether members had questions. None were forthcoming.  Ric Hanley pointed out that to his knowledge DHHS or the Attorney General's Office has not disseminated information or provided training for judges on these changes. He mentioned a few documents that have become available through various ways: A PowerPoint overview, event/time matrix, and FAQs. The FAQs are published on OAMHS' website.
IV. Enrollments/RDS	Don reported that agencies had submitted a significant amount of data into the EIS/RDS system. The deadline for reaching 85% completion rate has been moved to May 15, Don said, and he expects to see a progress report soon.
V. Consumer Council Update	No official representative of the CCSM was present. Carla reported that Troy Henderson is the CSN 3 representative and will follow-up.  <b>ACTION:</b> Carla will follow-up on CCSM attendance at CSN 3.
VI. Work Plan Subcommittee Reports	<b>Vocational</b> Jean Gallant reported the following re: the Maine APSE funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no longer a Maine APSE chapter, despite what the website says.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All former Maine APSE board members are in agreement that the funds remaining in the former chapter's account should be split equally between "MR and MH sides" statewide, to be used with as much focus on consumer employment as possible. They do not want to give the funds to an association and say, "do what you want." The total of \$12,558.10 is to be split evenly as noted, \$6,279.05 each for MR and MH.</li> <li>• The board will trust CSN 3 to determine the best use of the funds--hopefully disbursing by June 30.</li> <li>• Members made a couple of suggestions: 1) Distribute proportionately throughout CSNs based on unmet needs? 2) We need to know more precisely what consumers need—perhaps have someone meet or hold meetings with consumers to find out?</li> <li>• Jean would like input from all CSNs, and said she will take suggestions until the end of May and bring back at June CSN meeting for a decision. Contact her at <a href="mailto:jgallant@esm-augusta.com">jgallant@esm-augusta.com</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Marya said OAMHS will send a note of explanation out to all CSN members and ask them to send suggestions to Jean.</p> <p>Jean also said she'd like an update on the new Employment Service Networks (ESN) and when the new Employment Specialists (ES) will begin attending CSN meetings. She expects the ES would join the vocational subcommittee and encouraged any other members to join as well. Don clarified that the intent is to "fold your subcommittee into the ESN." He also said he understands that the agency assignments have been made and most of the ES positions have been filled.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> OAMHS will distribute a list of Employment Specialists hired so far and the agencies in which they are placed.</p> <p><b>Housing</b>  Richard Weiss reported that he does not yet have information on Section 8 changes. He did initiate a discussion on the increasing number of landlords beginning to raise rents above "fair market rates" allowed through BRAP and Section 8, due to high heating costs. Bill Tanner also reported that many landlords in the Lewiston area owe huge amounts for last year's heating costs, with some even letting their properties lapse to the town. Rents are being increased from \$150-\$250 dollars a month, tremendously affecting clients and housing.</p> <p>Jean emphasized the landlords can't be expected, nor will they, lower rent for "our clients." In dealing with this issue, mindset needs to be clear—"people are people."</p> <p>Richard continued that the real concern is that there is no change in fair market rental rates to keep up with the current economy, and that this needs to be addressed on the national level for Shelter Plus Care and Section 8. There are some allowances built in, but not enough.</p> <p>Leah Waldo also added how difficult housing issues can be, saying that "a lot of landlords abuse and bully disabled people."</p>
VII. Response from MaineGeneral on Expanding Crisis/Hospital Meeting	<p>Emilie van Eeghen reported that she brought this to the meeting at MaineGeneral, and they decided they needed more time to discuss this possibility. It will appear on their next agenda as a major topic of conversation.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Emilie will report next month.</p>

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VIII. Update on RFP for Peer Services in Emergency Departments	<p>The RFP is still in draft form with no date as yet for issuance.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> OAMHS will get notice out to all CSNs when RFP is published.</p> <p>This peer program will be modeled after what's going on in Portland and Brunswick, Don said, providing support and advocacy for consumers in ED.</p>
IX. Other	<p><b>Statewide CLASS/Hospital Meeting</b> Don and Ric reviewed topics covered at a recent statewide CLASS/Hospital meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical clearance for hospitalization—will work to gain clear understanding of standards</li> <li>• Rapid Response Protocols</li> <li>• Emergency Department wait times</li> <li>• Crisis System Legislation, i.e. 8 DHHS districts, developing MOUs between and among all in crisis system within each district, to coordinate/combine children's and adult crisis services and crisis stabilization units.</li> </ul> <p><b>Re-Entry/Funds Gap/ICM Role</b> Bill Tanner brought up the problem their agency is experiencing with people being referred out of jails with no funds available, i.e. no MaineCare, no SSI, nothing. He expected that some of these problems would be resolved by new legislation around speeding up the process of re-accessing MaineCare and SSI, and expressed concern that something may be getting lost along the way.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Marya will look into MaineCare speeding up paperwork.</p> <p>Richard Weiss agreed that there is a gap of time, and getting people enrolled takes 3-5 days of very intensive work.</p> <p>Don said that OAMHS has commitment to assign an ICM (Intensive Case Manager) to each jail for SPMI population (those with severe and persistent mental illness), not population as a whole. They work with people while in jail, through discharge, but he sees nothing to prevent them from continuing to stay with person until the person gets community resources.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Don will provide list of ICMs and the facilities they are assigned to.</p> <p>Don also noted that speeding up this process is a priority on Dr. Steve Sherritts' agenda. (Dr. Sherritts is DHHS Mental Health/Corrections Manager.)</p> <p>Question: Is there someone in our area that we call if we get a call from a parole officer for mental health needs? A: Julianne Edmondson in Kennebec County and Cecelia Leland in Somerset.</p> <p><b>MaineCare/Unisys</b> Jean Gallant mentioned that it would be helpful to have someone from MaineCare come to the CSN to do a short presentation on Unisys within the next six months. Even though Unisys will not fully take over for MECMS until 2010, they will begin entering some data this year and next. She noted that Unisys did a nice presentation to the Advisory Group with handouts, timelines, etc.</p> <p>Don said it would be put on the CSN agenda as the time approaches.</p>

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X. Public Comment	None.
XI. Meeting Recap and Agenda for Next Meeting	See <b>ACTION</b> items above. Consumer Council Update Enrollments/RDS Update Work Plan Subcommittee Reports Response from MaineGeneral on Expanding Crisis/Hospital Meeting