

**Community Service Network 5 Meeting
DHHS Offices, Lewiston
February 22, 2010
Minutes **DRAFT****

Members Present:				
	Alternative Services, Inc., Marcia Turcotte		ESM, John Carroll	Possibilities Counseling – Kate Marble
	Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice		Evergreen Behavioral Svcs/Franklin Hospital, April Guagenti	Riverview Psychiatric Center, Diane Pearson
	Beacon House Social Club		Evergreen Behavioral Svcs/Franklin Hospital, Dalene Sinskie	Rumford Hospital
	Bridgton Hospital		Friends Together, June Watson	Spring Harbor Hospital – Lynn Suggs
	Central Maine Medical Center		Lutheran Community Services, Scott Morrison & Heather Bingelis	St. Mary’s/Sisters of Charity Health
	Common Ties MH Coal., Craig Phillips & Ray Benjamin		Merrymeeting Behav. Svcs., Samantha Stancil	Stephens Memorial Hospital
	Community Concepts		Oxford County Mental Health, Bob Pontbriand	Sweetser, Mary Gagnon
	Consumer Council, Dale McDonald		Peer Ctr-100 Pine St (Common Ties) Dale Grace MacDonald & Scott Rice	Tri-County Mental Health Services, Chris Copeland
Others Present:		Discussion		
Assistance Plus – Olivia Lake, MMC		ESN – Patricia Salvator		
DHHS Staff Present:		Sharon Arsenault, Don Chamberlain, Cynthia McPherson		
Muskie School Present:		Linda Kinney		
Agenda Item				
I. Welcome, Introductions and Reminder to sign in		Sharon Arsenault welcomed the group and introductions were made.		
II. Minutes – Review & Approval of previous meeting minutes		Minutes were accepted.		
III. Continuity of Care Work Group – Improved Access to Services		<p>The January meeting was cancelled and they haven’t met since. There isn’t a new meeting scheduled yet. A survey was recently sent to consumers; however, no return date was put on the survey. It was requested the survey also be sent to all CSN 5 members. This should be sent to Linda Kinney and she will forward it to the group along with the return date chosen.</p> <p>ACTION: Survey copy and return date to be sent to Linda Kinney so she may forward it to the CSN 5 members.</p>		
IV. Meeting/Activity Reports		Grace announced he is now a consumer Statewide rep. and will no longer be representing 100 Pine Street. He brought Scott		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Council of Maine: local and statewide • WRAP • Employment Service Network • District Crisis Meeting 	<p>Rice with him, who will be an alternate representative for 100 Pine St. after elections are held.</p> <p>Grace gave the following WRAP report: In the 1st quarter there were 80 applications but only 29 approved. In the 2nd quarter there were 68 applications with 49 approved. It was stated that 35% of applications were approved in the first quarter and this increased to 63% in the 2nd quarter. Other items included agencies who requested funds, the number of requests submitted and the number approved. Grace reported the top needs were glasses, dental and hearing, auto and debt help.</p> <p>Grace also talked about the problem of people not submitting receipts that matched applications. A memo has been drafted and will be sent to CSN members.</p> <p>ACTION – Grace will send this memo to Linda Kinney so she can forward it to the CSN group.</p> <p>Patricia Salvator is the new employee specialist. She introduced herself and described what she has been doing since starting her new job.</p> <p>There was no crisis meeting this quarter. A new meeting is being planned.</p>
<p>V. Other</p>	<p>Scott Morrison reported that Lamey Wellahan was donating shoes to Good Shepherd.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the implications of budget cuts. Don said they should know more in April. This will be discussed further at the next monthly conference call.</p> <p>100 Pine Street now has a new manager, Rebecca Poole. Improvements have been made to the program and if anyone would like more information, they should contact Rebecca.</p> <p>There was dialogue regarding the implications to the cuts to crisis services. It was noted that it is not too late to contact your legislators and through letters to newspapers, etc. Now is the time to do this as they want to know what the public wants. They need this information to take to Appropriations to try and influence outcomes.</p>
<p>VI. Public Comment</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>
<p>VII. Meeting Recap & Agenda for Next Meeting</p>	<p>Action: Continuity of Care – Heather will send meeting date, survey and due date to Linda Kinney who will forward it to the CSN 5 group.</p> <p>There is a new Statewide Consumer Council representative – Grace McDonald. There will be a new local Consumer Council representative after elections. Scott Rice will be the new alternate for this group.</p> <p>Action: Crisis program – Kathy and Sharon will set up a quarterly meeting.</p> <p>WRAP reports will continue with Grace giving the report.</p> <p>Action: Grace is to send a copy of the memo regarding WRAP application acceptance and denials to Linda K. who will forward it to the CSN 5 group.</p>

The next CSN 5 meeting will be on May 17.