

# MARYLAND STATE DRUG AND ALOCHOL ABUSE COUNCIL

## Planning and Coordination Workgroup

### Minutes for January 14, 2009 Meeting

**Present:** Kim Kennedy, Kathleen O'Brien

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.
- II. Selection of Chairperson:** The members decided not to select a chairperson until the next meeting.
- III. Work Plan:** The members decided not to select a chair until the next meeting.
- IV. Survey of Resources:** One of the tasks of this group is to complete a state wide survey of state, federal and local resources available for substance abuse services. The members reviewed past surveys and discussed the format used. It was suggested that one approach, to the survey, different from the past would be to simplify the format and simply ask:
  - (1) How much money is available?
  - (2) What does it purchase?
  - (3) What strings are attached to it?
  - (4) How is it distributed?
  - (5) Who monitors accountability?

A simplified format may be less time consuming to complete and foster cooperation from the departments completing it.

Additionally, the workgroup was interested in understanding how and why the money for substance abuse services is allocated to so many departments and how oversight and accountability is established.

- V. Adding Additional members to the Workgroup:** Members suggested that the representatives from the following groups be added to this workgroup:
  - (1) Education system
  - (2) Law enforcement
  - (3) Criminal justice system
  - (4) Developmental Disability Administration
  - (5) Mental Hygiene Administration

The members felt that they would like representatives from different agencies and departments to come to the table to begin discussing a Plan that promotes coordinated, collaborative and comprehensive approaches to substance abuse

services, but also felt that this will only be helpful if those representatives are open to exploring new ways of doing business.

**VI. Review of Local Plans:** Members of the workgroup want to review local plans in order to help them inform the workgroup's work. They want to identify commonalities among the plans, examine how well coordination occurs at local levels, and see if the plans reflect the vision of a ROSC (ROSC).

**VII. Additional Discussion:**

- a. For the strategic plan (the Plan), it is important to ensure that accountability for the use of available resources and coordination among different departments with resources be addressed.
- b. The Plan should include timelines and strategies to promote the implementation of principles and concepts of a ROSC. To inform the Plan, a readiness to change assessment and/or an assessment of readiness for a ROSC for the State should be completed.
- c. The goals and strategies noted in the Plan must be data driven.
- d. Before beginning their tasks, the members want to know:
  - (1) What are the Deputy Secretary's expectations, vision, and plans?
  - (2) What are Senator Hammens' and Delegate Bronrott's expectations of the Council?
- e. Ensuring integrated care for those with substance abuse disorders must be addressed in the Plan.
- f. The workgroup would like to review the process that other states went through in their transformation to a ROSC.
- g. The workgroup discussed need for supportive services (housing, vocational/employment services, etc.) for those in treatment to increase the likelihood of positive treatment outcomes.

**VIII. Future/Immediate steps next steps:**

- a. Meet with Legislative Committees
- b. Review local council plans
- c. Meeting with Renata to discuss her plans and agenda and how best to move the agenda (ROSC and business practices) ahead.
- d. Selecting a Chairperson
- e. Developing a Work Plan

**IX. Next Meetings:** The next Planning and Coordination Workgroup meeting will be on **February 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, at ADAA, Spring Grove State Hospital, Catonsville, Maryland.

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.