

MEETING REPORT

Oklahoma Mental Health & Aging Coalition

Meeting Place: Areawide Aging Agency

Meeting Date: May 13, 2010

Attended: Kathleen Borland, HOPE, Mary Schneider, OSHL, Norma Janssen, ODMHSAS, Jane Garner, OKDHS-Aging Services, Paige Munro, C.O.A.C.H., Nichole Burland, OHCA, Marge Jantzen, TALC, Berry F. Phillips, OMHAC, Gerry Clink, Spectrum BHS, Mich Magness, ODMHSAS, Madlyn Williamson, AAA, ombudsman, Sandra Thayer, Autumn Life, Sue Lamon, LCSW, Marva Crawford Williamson, Innovation Center, Laurel Dinkel, Elder Counseling & Clinical Services, Patty Porter, Mercy, Melissa Mahaffey, Cypress Springs, Alzheimer's/Memory Support, Karen Orsi, OMHAC

Recorder: Patty Porter

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Welcome & Introductions	All attendees introduced themselves	May possibly change to end of meeting	
Past Meeting Report	Report accepted?		
Director's Report	<p>Mental Health Day – went well, substance abuse & mental health advocates in attendance. Urged to contact legislators regarding budget cuts that affect the lives of our seniors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions for our state – Mary Brinkley talked about finding other revenue. • Mental Health – OWL – older women's league – handout made available.....OWL.org • SAMHSA – women's health week • Veteran's Academy – looking at improving lives of vets...started in summer '08 ...keeping people informed about vet issues (provide community) • VA – knows they see about 		

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	<p>65% of vets who have issues with mental health & substance abuse....where do the other 35% go?</p>		
<p>New Business</p>	<p>In Cleveland, George Salley has a senior service program....Elder Suicide Prevention Task Force; MHA of Tulsa.</p> <p>Oklahoma is a big “Guard” state....what about benefits for older and middle-aged people being called up?</p>	<p>Getting info to vet’s families....make a new mental health fact sheet for vet’s issues. For families to be aware of person’s “being in trouble”.</p> <p>Karen would like for us to expand this info...</p>	
<p>Speaker: Paige Munro</p>	<p>Central Oklahoma Alliance for Community Health – COACH Initiative</p> <p>This is for children, adults, seniors & vets . They seek corporate sponsors....services are family/consumer driven...for treatment options in central Oklahoma.</p> <p>Also, Mental Health Association has Sunbridge Program – provides services on a sliding scale....</p> <p>St. Luke’s – meets every other Wednesday....list 3 goals, what are the</p>	<p>This is a collaboration of several entities, an allied group of organizations...whose goal is to provide access to anyone with mental illness or addiction.</p> <p>Located at 36th & May (right behind Starbucks) 943-3700</p> <p>C.O.A.C.H. Meets 2nd Friday of the month...from 9-11am, at United Way, 1444 NW 28th, OKC</p>	

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	<p>problems? They have about 20 families so far.....does consumer want more private care? Let them pick and choose resources, so professionals need to know “resources” too. They are attempting to fill the gaps.</p>		
Announcements	<p>Marge Jantzen reported on the re-starting of the Gatekeeper Program. It is housed now with OK County Social Services. They have hired a new person, Karla Wall, to coordinate the program. Service responders are volunteers & teams consist of one mental health person & the other a social service person to go out and check on vulnerable seniors.</p> <p>Disability Law Center – Kayla Bower Interpretation of law is varying as far as people being put in nursing homes. What is the next step? Per diem rate just went down, so they will want to provide even less now....</p> <p>Mich Magness – reported there have been 4 lawsuits ...CT – lost, NY – settled out of court and different disability groups in TX have threatened suits....the movement is gaining national momentum.</p> <p>There is little or no provision of mental health services inside or outside of the daily rate. State Dept. of Health enforces the law & they do a survey. If the ombudsman reports a problem and</p>	<p>Is there a possibility of retired people donating their time as responders?</p> <p>APS – needs awareness & appreciation</p> <p>Possibly the Social Work Board & “ “ website...for volunteers....</p> <p>Are people requesting the placement? There is a national movement to keep the mentally ill out of nursing homes completely.</p>	

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	<p>the Health Dept. cites deficiencies.....that is the most that they do. They have a quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Laurel Dinkel confirmed that Richard Taylor will be a speaker on Sept. 16th, at the Alzheimer's Symposium.</p> <p>Patty Porter reported that the Caregiver Conference usually held at Mercy, will be at Crossings Community Clinic, on June 11th, 8:30am – 2pm. Flyers passed out. RSVP to 752-3600.</p> <p>Karen Orsi reported that the Summer Geriatric Institute will be held on July 21-22, at the OCCC in Norman.</p> <p>Melissa Mahaffey stated that their new property, Cypress Springs will be a 66 bed unit for dementia patients and it will open in September. The address is 8300 N May Avenue.</p>	<p>Is the health dept. doing their job?</p>	
Next Meeting	June 10, 2010		