



Network Advisory Committee (NAC) Minutes

DATE: Friday, October 13, 2006
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: Training Room 1
1700 South Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78704

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillie Cogswell, Joanna Cordry, Patrick Herndon, Simone Schrott
STAFF PRESENT: Marietta Noel, Mildred Vuris, Sally Spill, Arturo Hernandez
BOARD LIAISON: Donald Dumas (not present)
GUESTS PRESENT: None

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:20pm
- 2. Review of Minutes from September 15, 2006 Meeting:** Committee members reviewed Minutes but quorum needed to approve minutes was not present. Action deferred until November meeting; however a request was made to expand the notes regarding the discussion of the Officers Meeting (item # 5).
- 3. Staff Liaison Report:** Arturo Hernandez indicated to NAC that he is the staff representative for the NAMI Walk and that he was there to make them aware of it and request support and volunteers from them. The Walk is 11/18/06. He left materials for anyone wishing to volunteer or make donations to NAMI.

Application for Mary "Cathy" Ehigie, a provider of DD Services, was presented to the committee for their review. There was not a quorum but staff was requested to refer to the BOT for appointment.

Announcements-

A flyer for a 10/17 presentation at Phoenix House on youth drug use was distributed.

ATCMHMR will hold its Annual Legislative Forum on 11/14/06. Elected Officials in the Texas Legislature from Austin and Travis County have been invited.

4. New Business:

Crisis Re-Design: Mildred Vuris provided an update on Crisis Re-Design. She discussed it from the state perspective and activities statewide, as well as activities and collaborations that have been occurring locally. She was asked to update the committee about the Center's overusage of hospital beds and possible charges/recoupment of \$2⁺ million as indicated in the 10/14/06 article in the Austin American-Statesman. Joanna suggested that the NAC might want to make a response in the form of a letter to the editor, etc.

5. Old Business:

Provider of Last Resort: Mildred Vuris gave the NAC an update and discussed the process for implementing the Provider of Last Resort directives. She explained Negotiated Rule Making and the committee undertaking this initiative.

Introduction of Revised DRAFT Bylaws: The committee reviewed the Bylaws but could not take action regarding a recommendation to the Board due to lack of a quorum. Will be an agenda item for November 2006.

6. Committee/Community/New Agenda Items/P&O Report:

Future agenda items:

1. Bylaws
2. Network composition and how is it functioning
3. Consumer satisfaction
4. Letter writing (e.g. letters to the editor, to legislators, etc.)

7. Adjourned: 1:28pm

Joanna Cordry, Chair

Lisa M. Quinn, Recording Secretary