

**Community Service Network 2 Meeting  
Dorothea Dix, Bangor, Maine  
November 14, 2007**

**Approved Minutes**

**Members Present:**

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| • Annette Adams, Acadia                     | • Jill Peters, Dirigo Counseling               | • Charles Tingley, NOE                    |
| • Melinda Davis, AIN                        | • Jeremy Ashfield, Families United             | • Kathy Smith, OHI                        |
| • Tara Mullins, Allies                      | • Susan Buck, Fellowship Health Resources      | • Barbara Kerrigan, Phoenix Mental Health |
| • Theresa Oliver, Bangor Counseling Center  | • Bob Mathien, Maine Mental Health Connections | • Sharon Dean, Sunrise Opportunities      |
| • William Donahue, Behavioral Health Center | • John Spieker, Mayo Regional Hospital         | • Sharon Tomah, Sweetser - Wabanaki       |
| • Beth Brown, Care & Comfort                | • Sue Rouleau, MDI Behavioral Health           | • Lydia Richard, Together Place           |
| • Mary Dunn, Charlotte White Center         | • Judy Provencher, Medical Care Development    | • Vickie McCarty, CCSM                    |
| • Kay Carter, CHCS                          | • Joanne Marian, NAMI-ME Families              | • John Edwards, WCPA                      |
| • David McCluskey, Community Care           | • Jenni Howard, NFI North                      | • Chris McLaughlin, Wings                 |

**Members Absent:**

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| • Amicus                      | • Community Mediation Services  | • Penobscot Valley Hospital (excused) |
| • Blue Hill Memorial Hospital | • Down East Community Hospital  | • Regional Medical Center at Lubec    |
| • CA Dean Memorial Hospital   | • Maine Coast Memorial Hospital | • St. Joseph Hospital                 |
| • Calais Regional Hospital    | • Millinocket Regional Hospital |                                       |

**Alternates/Others Present:**

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| • Paula Greenleaf, AIN                         | • Thomas Lynn, CHCS                         | • Sharon Greenleaf, NOE   |
| • Michelle St. Louis, Behavioral Health Center | • Joe Pickering, CHCS                       | • Bonnie-Jean Brooks, OHI |
| • Dale Hamilton, CHCS                          | • Diane Bridge, Fellowship Health Resources | • Angela Fileccia, OHI    |

**Staff Present:** DHHS/OAMHS: Donald Chamberlain, Scott Kilcollins, Leticia Huttman, Marjorie Snyder. Muskie School: Scott Bernier, Sherrie Winton

Agenda Item	Presentation, Discussion
I. Welcome and Introductions	Scott Kilcollins opened the meeting and welcomed the members and guests present.
II. Review and Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved as presented.
III. Other—Impact of ASO on this CSN	<p>Membership motioned and approved tabling the rest of the agenda until next month. They decided to discuss the new ASO to take effect on January 1. The resulting discussion included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers in this region want the implementation of the new system to be slowed down to provide them more time to make the changes and prevent loss of services for their clients.</li> <li>• One of the issues is around the transition period. There are currently only six days between the time they receive training on the new system and the time when they must start transitioning to it.</li> <li>• There is a concern that a lack of planning may result in serious issues around the continuity of care for their clients.</li> <li>• Members present would like another two to three months for the transition.</li> <li>• One member noted that their agency is currently owed \$2.1 million by DHHS and stated their agency would be in serious jeopardy if they can't bill due to a technical problem with the new system.</li> <li>• Some providers in this region are not on the Internet</li> <li>• The whole burden of implementation of this new system appears to be placed on the providers</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers are raising issues on this because if the system fails as has happened with a previous state system, it will create serious issues for all involved.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>We as CSN 2 shall write a letter to the DHHS Commissioner, cc'ing the Governor and the State Legislature to request that the ASO implementation be delayed 3 months (April 1, 2007). This extension should give DHHS time to test the technical aspects of the system to ensure it works before it goes live.</i></p> <p>The motion was seconded. Discussion was held similar to the points provided above. Vote was cast. Motion was carried with all but one voting in favor. The one who did not vote in favor abstained from the vote.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>This letter, once finalized, will also be sent to Elaine Ecker to be distributed to the other six CSN's.</i></p> <p>Motion was seconded. No discussion. Passed Unanimously.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> Dale Hamilton of CHCS will draft the letter. He will list the member providers of CSN 2 at the top of the letter. He will forward it to Elaine Ecker at the Muskie School by Thursday, Nov. 15. Elaine will then distribute it via email to the membership of CSN 2 with Dale's contact information. Membership will send comments/corrections to Dale no later than Monday, Nov. 19 at 5pm. Dale will then send the final letter to the people listed in the motion and to Elaine. Elaine will distribute it to the other six CSN's.</p> <p>Members asked other questions in regards to the implementation of the ASO:</p> <p>Q: How much of the system applies to hospitals? Don answered: Ask APS that question during their presentation. It involves Sections 17, 65, private practitioners under Section 56 and Substance Abuse outpatient services.</p> <p>Q: Does it apply to Crisis Services? Don answered: Only to Crisis Stabilization Units. It does not apply to Crisis Services in general.</p> <p>Q: Community hospitals are not included in this, correct? Don answered: No, unless you are providing outpatient services.</p> <p>Comment: Is there a contingency plan? If all else fails, given the MECMS disaster, the Department needs to have a contingency plan in place.</p> <p>At this point, the membership agreed to go back to the agenda and complete what they could in the time left.</p>
IV. Work Plan Subcommittee Reports	<p>Outpatient Subcommittee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a concern with Protea's clients. The issue has been resolved by Sharon Sprague. Providers were found for most of those affected. DHHS sent letters of support and assistance to the remaining nine people. Information on the other agencies is still up in the air.</li> <li>CWC reported that their outpatient consumers are all set.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHCS reported that there was a change in the program subsidy grant program. Under Medicare rules, you have to accept only their payment and can't have supplemental payments from other sources. DHHS changed the grant program to a fee for services program, so we could no longer serve Medicare patients—90 people have been transitioned out to other providers. It was not a choice we wanted to make. We discussed this at this CSN a few months ago.</li> </ul> <p>Other Subcommittee reports were tabled until next month.</p>
V. CMS "Rehab Option"	<p>Question was raised if there were any negative impacts on outpatient services due to the "Rehab Option". Members present were not sure.</p> <p>Report on Rehab Option:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was an attempt to amend the S-Chip Bill in congress in regards to the Rehab Option, but it did not pass.</li> <li>Senator Collins is going to sign a letter to be sent to all other Senators urging them to place a 1 year moratorium on the implementation of the Rehab Option to provide time for Congress and the States to discuss this. If you have concerns, please mail them to Priscilla Hanley in Senator Collins' office.</li> </ul> <p><b>MOTION:</b> <i>Send a letter to Maine's Congressional delegation from this CSN urging them to delay the Rehab Option.</i></p> <p>The motion passed with no discussion.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Bonnie Brooks will draft the letter.</p>
VI. Next Meeting Agenda	<p>Work Plan Subcommittee Reports Peer Services Budget Work Groups Update</p>