

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
MISSOURI MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**

Department of Mental Health  
1706 East Elm  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

**March 13, 2014**

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**PRESENT**

Kathy Carter  
Gary Duncan  
Dennis Tesreau  
Neva Thurston  
Steve Roling

**STAFF**

Keith Schafer, Department Director  
Bob Bax, Acting DMH Deputy Director  
Monica Hoy, Director's Office  
Heather Eisterhold, Director's Office  
Donna Siebeneck, Division of Administration  
Lynne Fulks, Division of Administration  
Debra Walker, Public Affairs  
Emily Koenig, Children's Office  
James Jackson, Human Resources  
Cathy Welch, Director's Office  
Rikki Wright, General Counsel  
Bernie Simons, Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Steve Reeves, Division of Behavioral Health  
Mark Stringer, Division of Behavioral Health  
April Maxwell, Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Connie Cahalan, Division of Behavioral Health  
Susan Flanigan, Public Affairs  
Julia Lepage, Division of Developmental Disabilities  
Nora Bock, Division of Behavioral Health  
Vickie McCarrell, Division of Developmental Disabilities

Rick Gowdy, Division of Behavioral Health  
Leigh Gibson, Constituent Services  
Dan Haug, Division of Administration  
Laurie Epple, Division of Behavioral Health  
Jeff Grosvenor, Division of Developmental Disabilities

**GUESTS**

Greg Kramer, ESMW  
Chaz Nickolaus, MDDC  
Robin Rust, DMH  
Cory McMahan, Consumer  
Ann Mattingly, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical  
Sean Murphy, DMH, DD  
Tim Swinfard, Pathways  
Mike Keller, Independence Center  
Melanie Highland, Budget and Planning  
Brent McGinty, MO Coalition  
Joe Parks, DSS  
Patty Henry, Mental Health Foundation  
Vickie Epple, DMH  
Clive Woodward, DMH

TOPIC/ISSUE	DISCUSSION
<p>CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>OPEN DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Dennis Tesreau, Chair called the Missouri Mental Health Commission Meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. on March 13, 2014. The meeting was held at the Department of Mental Health, 1706 E Elm, Jefferson City, MO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions were made.</li> <li>• Gary Duncan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 Mental Health Commission Meeting. Steve Roling seconded the motion and the minutes were approved with minor revisions.</li> <li>• Steve Roling suggested that the Commission consider changing the public law to say the Commission meet quarterly, unless a meeting needed to be scheduled. Sometimes meetings are not as full as others and if there is not a lot to talk about, organize a phone meeting or telepresence.</li> <li>• The Directors Creativity Artwork was recently on display in Central Office. There was an increase of 135 pieces of artwork, making the total to just over 330 pieces. The artwork will be displayed at the Mental Health Champions event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul>
<p>RECOGNITION</p>	<p>The Commission recognized Dr. Joe Parks and Bernie Simons for their outstanding service to the Department.</p> <p>Mike Keller and Tim Swinfard presented background and congratulatory remarks regarding Keith Schafer for his recent selection as the winner of the National Council for Behavioral Health Inspiring Hope Community Advocacy Award. He will be recognized at the National Council for Behavioral Health Conference in Washington DC in May.</p>
<p>BUDGET UPDATE</p>	<p>Dan Haug and Lynne Fulks provided the budget update. Handout is located at <a href="http://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2014MeetingSchedule.htm">http://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2014MeetingSchedule.htm</a>.</p>
<p>LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</p>	<p>Susan Flanigan provided the Legislative update. Handout is located at <a href="http://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2014MeetingSchedule.htm">http://dmh.mo.gov/about/diroffice/commission/2014MeetingSchedule.htm</a></p> <p>Susan also commented on proposed HB1605, which would designate the month of May as “Mental Health Awareness Month” and the first full week of May as “Bipolar Disorder Awareness Week” in Missouri.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>No public comment</p>
<p>CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION</p>	<p>Steve Roling requested a motion to move into closed session of the Missouri Mental Health Commission pursuant to Section 610.021 Legal (1), RSMo. Kathy Carter seconded the motion.</p> <p>A Roll Call Vote was taken:  Steve Roling-Yes  Kathy Carter- Yes  Neva Thurston- Yes</p>

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	<p>Dennis Tesreau- Yes Gary Duncan- absent during roll call</p> <p>The Commission returned from closed session and reconvened the Mental Health Commission meeting.</p>
<p>DIVISIONS AND SECTION UPDATES</p>	<p>Division of Behavioral Health update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Rick Gowdy provided an update on the escape from St Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center.</li> <li>• Mark Stringer shared four architectural bidders are being interviewed for the new Fulton State Hospital.</li> <li>• The expansion of the DM 3700 project to include individuals with substance use disorders was implemented on February 1, 2014. Behavioral Health has identified a cohort of 1,300 people with high Medicaid cost and serious mental health conditions with a substance use disorder. The providers are now in the process of finding and engaging the individuals.</li> <li>• Nora Bock provided an update on the emergency room enhancement and Dr. Gowdy provided an update on the community mental health liaisons, both of which are components of the Strengthening Mental Health Initiative.</li> </ul> <p>Bernie Simons provided an update on Division of Developmental Disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April Maxwell provided an update on the Northwest Habilitation Services Task Force. The task force has been in effect for six months and is thankful to the Commission for giving them this opportunity.</li> <li>• The Elliott Building at the Bellefontaine Habilitation Center is currently being torn down as the demolition project continues to remove some of the older buildings on the campus.</li> <li>• April has received two letters of appreciation for the great services that South County Habilitation Center is providing.</li> <li>• Partnership for Hope currently has 2,900 individuals enrolled with 100 counties plus St. Louis City participating.</li> <li>• Jeff Grosvenor provided an update on the Regional Office Redesign Workgroup. Gary Duncan made a motion that the workgroup tentatively present at the June meeting; with other entities presenting in July on their thoughts on the proposal. Steve Roling seconded the motion. Motion carried.</li> </ul> <p>Dan Haug provided an update on the Division of Administration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration has been working on the Medicaid legislation.</li> <li>• The Division has responded to over 300 fiscal notes since the beginning of session.</li> <li>• Budget staff has been working with the House and Senate staff regarding budget issues.</li> <li>• The Division has started an initiative to look at the department's administrative claiming for Medicaid.</li> </ul> <p>Emily Koenig provided an update on Children's Office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department is currently working on a proposal that will focus on providing a brief intervention quickly after children ages 0-8 are removed from their homes due to neglect &amp;/or abuse allegations. This proposal also addresses building the capacity of our foster and kinship caregivers and other staff working with those children to mitigate the toxic stress and trauma in their lives.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patsy Carter has begun working ½ time with Children’s Division and DMH to help bridge the gap between the two divisions.</li> <li>• Emily provided an update on activities around Children’s Mental Health week, which is May 4 – 10.</li> </ul>
FUTURE MEETINGS	<p>The next Mental Health Commission Meeting will be held on April 10, 2014 via telepresence. This meeting will be held at Jefferson City, Truman Office Building-Room 510; Kansas City, Fletcher Daniel Building-Room 503; St Louis, Wainwright Building-Room 923; Joplin, Joplin Regional Office, Sneddon Room beginning at 10:00 a.m.</p>
ADJOURN	<p>Gary Duncan made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Kathy Carter seconded the motion. The Mental Health Commission adjourned at 1:50 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Neva Thurston, Secretary</p>