



## King County

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## **King County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) Regular Meeting September 13, 2011**

**Members Present:** Nancy Dow-Witherbee, Chair; Alicia Glenwell; Kristin Houser; Veronica Kavanagh; Toni Krupski, Vice Chair; Eleanor Owen; Allan Panitch; Steve Williams

**Members Absent:** Moz Benado, (excused); Nicole Cederblom, (unexcused)

**Guests Present:** Dave Black (MH Ombuds); John Holecek; Austin Jacobs

**Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) Staff Present:** Bryan Baird, Jean Robertson

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Board Chair, Nancy Dow-Witherbee, convened the meeting at 4:40 p.m., at the Chinook Building, 401 5th Avenue, Seattle, Conference Room 126. Nancy welcomed the members and introductions were made by each person in attendance. A quorum was present for this meeting.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

The June 14th and July 12th MHAB regular meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

### **III. Green Distribution**

Bryan Baird, Board Liaison, made a suggestion of moving toward a 'green' distribution of previously released materials, such as meeting minutes, rather than providing hard copies to each board member at future meetings. A few paper copies will be available at each meeting; materials will continue to be available online. The board agreed to move forward with this suggestion.

### **IV. Chairperson's Report**

Nancy reminded the board of these upcoming events:

- The MHAB will host the annual joint board meeting with the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative board next month, Tuesday, October 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Chinook Building, room 121. Health Care Reform was suggested as agenda item for that meeting.
- The 13th Annual Exemplary Service Awards will be Thursday, September 29, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 5 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, 1245 10th Avenue East in Seattle.
- The Annual Legislative Forum is being held earlier this year on Thursday, November 17, 2011. This event is also at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, 1245 10th Avenue East in Seattle.

## V. Committee Reports

### Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee (LAPAC) Update – Nancy Dow-Witherbee

It was recommended the next quarterly LAPAC meeting take place earlier than usually scheduled Legislative Forum on November 17. Bryan Baird is tasked to reschedule. The next quarterly LAPAC meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., in Chinook Building, Room 116. This will likely be moved to a date in late October, early November.

### Nominations Committee Update – Nancy Dow-Witherbee

John Holecek and Austin Jacobs have both attended at least three meetings. Each candidate has submitted his application packet and will be scheduled for an interview with the Nominations Committee prior to the regular MHAB meeting in November.

### Quality Council (QC) Update – Toni Krupski

Vice Chair, Toni Krupski, read through the QC minutes for the June 27, July 25, and August 22 meetings, furnished by MHAB member, Moz Benado. These summaries can be found at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/MentalHealth/Board/Materials.aspx>

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Chinook Building, Room 124.

### Recovery Advisory Committee (RAC) Update – Veronica Kavanaugh

Meeting topics from the RAC meeting included:

Committee Membership

Recovery Poster revealed

Overall feeling of the Recovery Conference was excellent

Reviewed the draft of recovery plan goals; main draft outlined

Motivational Learning training coming up

The next RAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., in Chinook Building, Room 126.

[Mental Illness and Drug Dependency \(MIDD\) Oversight Committee \(OC\) Update – Toni Krupski](#)

Toni reported the MIDD OC lead discussions to the following points:

- An update in procurement methodology to achieve the goal of establishing a family-run Family Support Organization in King County through an entity called Strategic Learning Resources. The board requested Andrea LaFazia-Geraghty, MIDD Project Manager, come speak to this at MHAB's November meeting.
- Veterans court expansion with MIDD allocation to exclusively serve veterans.

The next MIDD OC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2011, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., in Chinook Building, Rooms 121 and 123.

**VI. Staff Report – Jean Robertson**

Jean distributed the interim Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) report with current outcomes through June 2011 that requires a letter from the MHAB with feedback from the board. The final report is due by October 15, 2011. Some MHAB member comments include:

- Clarify language to make it clearer
- Clarification on Tribal Suicide Prevention Project (where are funds being allocated?).
- Services provided are not outcomes. MHCADSD reports as the state requires, however, the board is interested in the impact of the programs being funded.

Jean also spoke briefly to the following points:

- Requirement for board members to submit certification for training and compliance with records retention and the public records act. Jean reviewed the training materials and obtained clarification from the public disclosure officer in the prosecutor's office about how it applies to the board in their day to day business. King County email accounts have been established for all board members and all electronic board business should be conducted on these accounts. That way the county will be able to capture any information that might be requested. The primary message is that Board members need to understand that all board related documents, whether hard copy or electronic, are subject to public disclosure.
- Announced the state is looking at another \$1 to 2 billion shortfall. Special session may be called in October.
- Kristin Houser was recently confirmed by Council.
- Brief report from Recovery Conference: The conference was a great success with 231 attendees on Friday and a similar number on Saturday. We hope to make this an annual event. The MHAB conveyed high accolades to Terry Crain on a job well done.

**VII. Quarterly Liaison Reports**

Eleanor Owen reported that NAVOS had a very engaged board of directors and that the agency was expanding both its Evaluation & Treatment program and its focus upon Recovery. She also noted that Western State Hospital was closing another ward.

**VIII. Board and Community Concerns**

No report.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Prepared by;  
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Recording Secretary

Attested by:  
Nancy Dow-Witherbee  
Board Chair

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