



DHHS WAIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2016 **Time:** 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm **Location:** Brown Building Hearing Rm. #104

MEETING CALLED BY			Margaret Stargell, Chair		
TYPE OF MEETING			DHHS Waiver Advisory Committee (DWAC)		
ATTENDEES					
COMMITTEE MEMBERS			STATE STAFF ATTENDEES		
NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT	NAME	AFFILIATION	PRESENT
Margaret Stargell, DWAC Chair	Coastal Horizons Center, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dennis Farley	DMH MH Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peggy Terhune	Monarch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renee Rader	DMA Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jack Naftel, MD	NC Psychiatric Association	Phone	Ken Schuesselin	DMH Consumer Policy Advisor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Foster	State CFAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flo Stein	Deputy Director, DMH/DD/SAS	Phone
Kurtis Taylor	State CFAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Beverly Bell	DMA Program Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benita Purcell	Local CFAC	Excused	Mabel McGlothlen	DMH Team Leader for System Performance and Project Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ron Lowe	Local CFAC	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Ellen Perry	IDD Advocate	Phone			
Tony Sowards	SA Advocate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Bonnie Schell		Phone			
Ronnie Beale	Co. Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	GUEST		
Johnnie Farmer	Co. Commissioner	<input type="checkbox"/>	NAME	AFFILIATION	
Brian Ingraham	Smoky Mtn. LME	Phone			
Ken Jones	Eastpointe LME	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Dale Armstrong	DHHS Deputy Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Courtney Cantrell	DMHDDSAS Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Dave Richard	Deputy Secretary Medical Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Lisa Haire	DMH/DD/SAS Asst. Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Jason Vogler	DMH/DD/SAS Asst. Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
U. Nenna Lekwauwa	DMHDDSAS Medical Director	<input type="checkbox"/>			

1. Agenda topic: Welcome and Approval of Minutes/ Housekeeping Items

Presenter(s): Margaret Stargell, Chair

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2015 minutes approved with correction Introduction of attendees 		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	
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2. Agenda topic: DHHS/DMH/DMA Update

Presenter(s): Courtney Cantrell, Division Director, DMH

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reorganization of Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flo Stein, Deputy Director for Substance Abuse: also handles Legislative Issues Lisa Haire, Assistant Director: , Quality Management and Operations Jason Vogler, Assistant Director: MH, TBI, IDD, Community Services and Supports Dale Armstrong: focusing on state hospital facilities Courtney now reports directly to the Secretary which creates a closer relationship for Community Services
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are many questions related to system changes that are in early stages so there are not always answers. This also creates opportunity for DWAC to have a voice – offer input during development rather than after decisions are made. • Getting information monthly – not necessarily have it presented. If concern jumps out, take that up and make recommendations. • DMH can provide data – number of people in service and information related to concerns on impact of services related to funding reductions. • Medicaid Clients being referred by LME-MCOs to Providers but there are then reports of some Providers not accepting Medicaid. • Request for data on consumer complaints from DMH Consumer Empowerment Team. Members would like to receive this information with disability group #IDD, #MH, #SA. • We will need an LME-MCO CEO to replace Ken Jones who is retiring from Eastpointe LME-MCO as of April 1st. • Chairman's Comments: If we can't get buy in and ownership – DWAC doesn't need to continue. Determine where to focus our efforts. We need a focused, substantial agenda for February or cancel. Work with Secretary Brajer to determine his priorities for DWAC. Invite the Secretary to come and address the DWAC in the February meeting. Request an update on mergers – who, how, why, what is current focus. Margaret requested distribution list for reaching out. Location for DWAC problematic. No longer receiving public comments. Request for Draft agenda earlier.
Conclusions	
Action Items	Person(s) Responsible Deadline
Margaret to reach out to Secretary Brajer, will provide update in near future.	Margaret Weller-Stargell pending
Send distribution list to DWAC Chair for review.	Judy Harmon 1/29/16
Make DMH Consumer Empowerment Team aware of DWACs information request for complaint data.	Dennis Farley 1/29/16

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: Scheduled for February 17, 2016. Details including location to be provided.