

**Mental Health Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
3:00 – Greene County Mental Health Center**

Person Conducting Meeting: Sharon Mahota

Recorder: Jill Sirago

Members: Diane Braden, Mary Daggett, Deb Johnson, Patricia McLoughlin, Betty Mucich, Linda Wistar

Excused: Colleen Glass, Retta Lykens, Terry McGee Ward, Christine Young

Staff: Peter Konrad

Guests: Jeff Rovitz

| Topic | Discussion | Action/Item |
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| | Minutes from the 11/18/08 meeting were reviewed | Minutes were accepted |
| Community Resources Guide | Linda Wistar reported that parts of the guide are ready to go online. The Greene County Youth Bureau will be putting a link on their website as well. Mary Daggett will give Linda a link to Columbia Memorial Hospital's Physician Finder. | |
| Subcommittee's Vision | <p>Sharon and Peter discussed the future vision of the Mental Health Sub-Committee, the possibility of attending Board Trainings through the State Board Training Consortium, the struggle for membership and consistent meeting attendance, maintaining momentum, and the Sub Committee's role in reaching out to our county government and creating public awareness.</p> <p>The Subcommittee will formulate three needs/issues and make them the focus for the year. One issue will be stigma and the concept of changing the name of the Greene County Mental Health Center to the "Greene County Wellness Center for Behavioral Health". The other needs/issues will be access to care and respite services. It was suggested by Jeff Rovitz that we could do a Board sponsored event, have an open house, or reserve a monthly spot in a local newspaper for mental health related issues.</p> <p>Mary Daggett suggested sending out a Personal Board Assessment to each member in order to evaluate what each individual can contribute. It was also suggested that a power point presentation be created highlighting the agencies and their relationships. This would be a great orientation for new members. Pat suggested that we get on the agenda quarterly for the GC Legislature so that we can raise awareness on programs and our goals.</p> | |
| | Minutes respectfully submitted by Jill Sirago | |

Next MH Sub-Committee Meeting is on 2/17/09 @ 3:00