

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**

**Minutes of the
56th Meeting of the
SAMHSA National Advisory Council
August 28, 2014
Rockville, Maryland**

Council Members Present:

Eric B. Broderick, D.D.S., M.P.H.
Junius Gonzales, M.D.
Charles Olson
Elizabeth A. Pattullo, M.Ed.
Cassandra Price, M.B.A., GCADC-II
Lorrie Rickman Jones, Ph.D.
Dee Davis Roth, M.A.
Christopher R. Wilkins, M.H.A.
Marleen Wong, Ph.D., M.S.W.
Laurent S. Lehmann, M.D. (ex officio)

Council Members Absent:

Henry Chung, M.D.
Megan Gregory
Benjamin Springgate, M.D., M.P.H.

SAMHSA Leadership:

Pamela S. Hyde, J.D., Administrator
Kana Enomoto, M.A., Principal Deputy Administrator
Mary Fleming, M.S., Director, Office of Policy, Planning, and Innovation (OPPI)
H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Paolo del Vecchio, M.S.W., Director, Center for Mental Health Services
Peter J. Delany, Ph.D., LCSW-C, Director, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality
Anne Herron, Director, Division of Regional and National Policy Liaison, OPPI
Christopher D. Carroll, MSc., Strategic Initiative Lead on Health Care Financing and Integration, OPPI
Elinore McCance-Katz, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, OPPI
Geretta Wood, Designated Federal Officer
LCDR Holly Berilla, Designated Federal Officer

Presenters:

Marilyn Tavenner, M.H.A., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Christopher D. Carroll, MSc., Strategic Initiative Lead on Health Care Financing and Integration, OPPI

Call to Order

Ms. Geretta Wood called the 56th meeting of the SAMHSA National Advisory Council to order at 1:10 p.m. (EST) and noted the presence of a quorum.

Welcome and Introductions

- Ms. Pamela Hyde welcomed participants to the SAMHSA National Advisory Council meeting, and participants introduced themselves.
- Several Council members offered positive feedback on the military families and veterans presentation at the Joint National Advisory Council meeting, held on August 27, 2014. In a written communication, one member requested SAMHSA consider being more inclusive by adding tribal societies as part of the military community.
- Administrator Hyde suggested several topics for the Council meeting planned for April 2015: 2016 budget, certified community behavioral health clinics – Section 223 Demonstration Programs, opioid and addiction prevention issues, continuing work on military families, and data.

Health Care Implementation: A Perspective from CMS

Presenter: Marilyn Tavenner, M.H.A., Administrator, CMS

- Administrator Tavenner described CMS's efforts to implement the Affordable Care Act and CMS's work with SAMHSA, other partner agencies, and private-sector organizations to derive a single quality standard and to facilitate adoption and use of electronic health records. She reported that CMS is developing innovative approaches to manage payment and delivery systems in communities.
- Council members posed questions regarding cost trends related to rising enrollment in Medicare and Medicaid, program development for dually eligible individuals, engagement of the private and public sectors in developing a single quality concept, the need for assistance to practitioners in preparing for future changes, and the nature of CMS's current and planned innovations.
- Administrator Tavenner responded and discussed positives regarding cost trends and rates and stated that some states have explored models to serve people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. She reported that CMS continues to develop and monitor implementation of coordinated care and discussed some initiatives pertaining to the role of medical home models, parity strategies for Medicaid and Medicare, and enrollment strategies that will focus on messaging.

Consideration of Minutes of the April 2014 SAMHSA National Advisory Council Meeting

Council members unanimously approved the minutes of the SAMHSA National Advisory Council meeting held on April 4, 2014.

Health Care and Parity Implementation

Presenter: Christopher D. Carroll, MSc., Strategic Initiative Lead on Health Care Financing and Integration, OPPI

- Mr. Carroll described key accomplishments in implementing insurance enrollment, noting a transition from SAMHSA's current Healthcare Reform Strategic Initiative to its successor, the Health Care and Health Systems Integration Strategic Initiative (fiscal years 2015–18). He enumerated SAMHSA's planned activities to emphasize integration under the new strategic initiative and presented state data on enrollment and a brief overview of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. He noted that some states are developing enforcement strategies to ensure parity, and that a federal enforcement mechanism exists for those states that lack statutory authority.
- Several Council members commended SAMHSA on its approach to integration and its forthcoming strategic initiatives, which include a focus on social determinants of health. Council members also identified a need to minimize anxiety in the field, perhaps by developing practical guidelines to help health care agencies and other community stakeholders make changes under health care reform; participants in SAMHSA's policy and implementation academies may serve as a resource. Members also raised questions about support for states whose leaders reject Medicaid expansion and about the need for stronger parity-monitoring mechanisms and also suggested that SAMHSA consider successful mechanisms to keep the public informed of its activities. No decisions resulted.

Council Discussion

Council members identified the need for messaging to increase public awareness of SAMHSA's activities and for a proactive strategy to respond to tragedies more effectively. Council members suggested topics of interest and logistical strategies for future in-person and virtual Council meetings.

Public Comment

- Mr. Sean Bennett urged SAMHSA to take steps to protect the right of informed consent for mental health patients in the context of coercion and psychiatric drugs.
- Ms. Rosie Bishon, United Methodist Church's California and Nevada Recovery Coordinator, expressed appreciation to SAMHSA for its input and inclusion.
- In a written communication, Mr. James Gallant inquired whether SAMHSA requires contract service providers to positively identify current court ordered legal rights (e.g., custody/parenting time), provide assessment for the needs for legal services, and refer clients to appropriate services in the community (e.g., family court) for an entitlement to enforce. He also inquired whether SAMHSA has requirements for establishing coalitions, workgroups, and committees to develop recommendations from state and local stakeholders.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes and the attachment are accurate and complete.

Date

Pamela S. Hyde, J.D.
Chair, SAMHSA National Advisory Council
Administrator, SAMHSA

Minutes will be formally considered by the SAMHSA National Advisory Council at its next meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.

Attachment:

Public Comment: Written Submissions

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Sean Bennett
Advocate

“If SAMHSA agrees that mental patients should retain the right of informed consent to psych drugs (except for 1-2 day emergencies), what can SAMHSA do to reform laws and practices which ignore informed consent and violate the constitution?”

James Gallant
Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition

1) “Does SAMHSA require contract service providers to positively identify current court ordered legal rights (Custody/Parenting Time), provide assessment for the needs for legal services, and refer clients to appropriate services in the community (Family Court for an Entitlement to Enforce)?”

2) “Does SAMHSA have requirements (Rules/Guidelines) for establishing coalitions, workgroups, and committees to develop recommendations from state and local stakeholders?”