

**MINUTES FROM MH WORKGROUP MEETING
July 29, 2003**

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Welcome and Introductions were made.

Updates since last MH Workgroup Meeting –

Steering Committee - met on 6/26/03. Announcement of special meeting on 7/21/03 of MH Adult Services Contractors. Lynn reported on meeting in Richmond on Regional Projects and the need for specialty sub-groups. Jim Thur and Joan Durman reviewed format for Initial Report. Work Groups provided updates. Doug James from DRS discussed a grant opportunity from the Office of Disability Employment Policy.

Private Psychiatric Hospital Group – met on 7/21/03. Leslie Weisman led a discussion around the need for greater collaboration between private hospitals and CSB Aftercare staff. Jim and Lynn provided an update to the group on the Partnership Project. Jim reviewed recommendations from the 2002 Access and Alternatives Report. Brief discussion of Draft Initial Partnership Report. General discussion of Phase 2 of the project.

DAD Coordinating Committee - met on 7/3/03. Discussion of DAD/DAP project vs. Restructuring/Reinvestment. Concerns about two separate projects becoming blended or blurred. General discussion around lines of authority in decision making as it relates to spending any available dollars. Initial discussion around protocol needed for use of crisis stabilization as step down with DAD dollars. General discussion of potential bed closings. Discussion of consumer/family participation at DAD meeting. Reviewed unspent and encumbered dollars for FY03 and FY04.

Review of Joan Durman's final report on the Partnership – feedback provided.

Planning for Phase 2 of the MH Workgroup –

Group Membership – discussion of membership including whether to add additional residential vendors or other community contractors. Decision made to keep key stakeholders informed, especially of issues which relate to their services.

Issues to be studied/discussed – reviewed top issues from the past year. Need to continue discussions, particularly around Recover Model, unmet residential needs, NGRI/Forensic issues.

Regular Meeting Schedule – reminder of need for consistent meetings this year with regular attendance from group members. Decision that meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm at NVMHI.

No August meeting scheduled.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at NVMHI.