

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 00-195

Establishing the Multnomah County Mental Health Coordinating Council

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Resolution 00-161, approved by the Board of County Commissioners on September 28, 2000, adopted a vision statement for a “Consumer and Family Centered Mental Health System.”
- b. The vision statement emphasizes that consumers, providers, families and a wide range of stakeholders must be involved in policy development, program planning, service delivery and evaluation of the mental health system.
- c. According to the vision statement, the County mental health system must be accountable for service delivery and outcomes. The vision statement calls for clear and quantifiable measures to demonstrate efficiency and effectiveness.
- d. The Technical Assistance Collaborative, consultants to the Mental Health Design Team, identified the need for an Implementation Oversight Commission to continue the involvement of diverse stakeholders, monitor progress on system change and maintain momentum for the change process.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The Multnomah County Mental Health Coordinating Council is created. The Chair will appoint 12 to 14 members including two members of the Board of County Commissioners, Multnomah County Department Directors who provide relevant services, consumers who have experience with the public mental health system, families of children who receive mental health services, professionals in the field of mental health, a representative from CareOregon, and others as appropriate. The Mental Health Coordinating Council will hold its first meeting no later than January 15, 2001.

2. The Coordinating Council will undertake the following initiatives:
 - Oversee implementation of the plan for a redesigned mental health organization using specific outcome measures and benchmarks
 - Ensure the vision and values adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in Resolution 00-161 are reflected throughout the mental health system through the review of contract language and through periodic review of policies and practices of service providers
 - Review the recommendations of all the work groups of the Mental Health Design Team and recommend priorities for implementation
3. The Data Work Group, created as part of the Mental Health Design Team, will continue its work and will report its progress on a regular basis to the Mental Health Coordinating Council.
4. The Interdepartmental Communications Work Group, created as part of the Mental Health Design Team, will continue to meet and will report its progress on a regular basis to the Mental Health Coordinating Council. This group will specifically consider the county-wide consolidation of mental health funding through a single mental health organization.
5. The Coordinating Council will report to the Board of County Commissioners on a quarterly basis starting April 1, 2001.

ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2000.



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