

Minutes
State Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services Board
Richmond, Virginia
January 29 – 30, 2004

- Members Present:*** William Pierce, Hunt Gunter, Nancy Ward, Bunny Gunn, and David Trinkle. Excused Absences: Virginia Dofflemyer, Elaine McConnell and Garnett Robinson.
- Staff Present: Charline Davidson, Wendy Brown and Marlene Butler
- Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by the Vice-Chair, Bill Pierce.
- Agenda: The agenda was approved as printed.
- Minutes: The Minutes of October 29-30, 2003 were approved as corrected. The Minutes of December 12, 2003 were approved as distributed.
- Public Comment: Vicky Fisher, Mental Health Association of Virginia, expressed grave concern re: budget cuts in services. She said we could not tolerate any further cuts and must maintain the current level of support, even though that is inadequate.
- Report of the Nominating Committee: Nancy Ward reported for the committee. The nominees, Chair – William Pierce and Vice-Chair, Hunt Gunter, were elected.
- PPAC The Board appointed the following persons to the Prevention and Promotion Advocacy Council (PPAC):
Olympia Perkins-Ramsey - 2006
Stephen James Sikkema - 2006
They also made the following reappointments:
Gaynelle Whitlock - 2006
Patricia M. Cullen - 2006
Joseph Galano - 2006
Lee Huntington - 2006
- PPAC In response to a request from the PPAC, Hunt Gunter was appointed as the Board member liaison to the Council.
- Evaluation Comm. Bill Pierce reported for the Evaluation Committee. Upon recommendation of the committee, the Board approved Policy 5008(FAC)87-12 Accreditation/Certification. They also approved renewal of 5006(FAC)86-29 Razing of Dilapidated Buildings.

- Keystone Project The Board approved sending a letter of recommendation to the Secretary of Administration expressing support for the Deed of Lease between the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and Keystone Marion, LLC to lease and renovate Building 08 at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute to operate a residential treatment facility for children and adolescents. The Board hopes that this project will serve as a model for the use of other buildings in the future.
- SAPT Block Grant Mellie Randall presented information on a request from the Office of Substance Abuse Services for approval to submit an application for a Federal Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Approval was granted.
- Comprehensive Plan Charline Davidson presented a summary report on comments received during a public comment period on the plan. The Board has statutory responsibility under § 37.1-10 for ensuring the development of long range plans for the services system. The State Board endorsed the six-year Comprehensive State Plan for 2004-2010. The Board asked the Department to broadly disseminate the Plan and to work in partnership with services system stakeholders to implement the strategic directions set forth in the Plan.
- Commissioner's Report Dr. Reinhard reported on a number of issues including:
 Tax Reform – Five items contingent on tax reform:
 Three more PACT teams; more money for bed purchase; more MR waiver slots; new money for children and adolescent services; and discharge assistance plans.

 Sexually Violent Predator Program – underfunded. Governor's budget puts additional money to maintain program. Money is needed in Capitol budget to relocate the facility. It continues to be a challenge.
- Naming of Building: Deferred action until a permanent location is established. Subcommittee will continue to work with staff to come up with some possible names.
- Methadone Clinic Legislation David Trinkle brought up the issue of several bills currently before the General Assembly that prescribe conditions for licensing methadone clinics. Following discussion of the matter, the Board approved a letter to the Assembly from the Chair of the Board supporting provisions in the proposed legislation to assure public notification of communities prior to licensure and asking that communities be allowed to establish restrictions on distance from schools and day-care center.
- Adjournment There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

William Pierce, Chair

Marlene Butler, Secretary