

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2012

Present: Dr. Donna Merkwan, Derle Moore, Toshiko Preston, Carol Beaumont, Andrea Johnson

Absent: Chuck Hester

Excused Absence(s): Eleanor Creech, Dr. Pat Harris, Jacqueline Lacy, Karen Watkins,
DeVan Barbour

Guest(s): Jason Phipps

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Jan Whitley, Pam Radford

Dr. Donna Merkwan presided over the meeting which was held at 7:03 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – March 27, 2012

Carol Beaumont made a motion that the minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Derle Moore

(1) Financial Report - April, 2012

Derle Moore made a motion that the financial report for May, 2012, be approved as presented. Toshiko Preston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) FY12 Contract Amendment(s) For Board Approval

(a) Johnston County Industries, Inc. – Amendment #2

Derle Moore made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Andrea Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Johnston Memorial Hospital Authority d/b/a Johnston Health – Amendment #1

Derle Moore made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Andrea Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(c) ReNu Life Extended – Amendment #2

Derle Moore made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Andrea Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(d) Restoration Family Services, Inc. – Amendment #2

Derle Moore made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Andrea Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(3) FY12 Contract Amendment(s) – Information Sharing

(a) Community Based Learning Alternatives Center/CBLAC – Amendment #2

(b) Johnston Counseling Services – Amendment #2

(c) Savin Grace, LLC – Amendment #4

(d) The Ruth Center, LLC – Amendment #2

(4) FY12 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) – Information Sharing

(a) Bridge Builders Family and Youth Services

(5) FY13 Personal Service Contract(s) – Information Sharing

Psychiatric Consultants

(a) Capital Area Psychiatric Associates, PLLC – Hasan Baloch, M.D.

(b) James Groce, M.D.

(c) Uzma Faheem, M.D.

(d) Valerie Holmes, M.D.

- (e) Vijay Ghate, M.D.
- (f) Zachary Feldman, M.D., P.A., Inc.
- (6) FY13 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) – Information Sharing
 - (a) ACI Support Specialist, Inc.
 - (b) Alpha Management Community Services, Inc.
 - (c) Bridge Builders Family and Youth Services
 - (d) Carolina Choice, LLC
 - (e) Coastal Behavior Health Services, Inc.
 - (f) Cardinal Clinic, LLC
 - (g) Community Services for Children
 - (h) Easter Seals UCP North Carolina and Virginia, Inc.
 - (i) Firm Foundation, Inc.
 - (j) Family Preservation Community Services
 - (k) Family Services of America Corporation
 - (l) Kidspeace National Centers of North America, Inc.
 - (m) Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas
 - (n) The Methodist Home for Children, Inc.
 - (o) National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a NC Mentor
 - (p) Omega Independent Living Services, Inc.
 - (q) Omni Visions, Inc.
 - (r) Precious Haven, Inc.
 - (s) Stan B Treatment Services, Inc.
 - (t) Sunlight Behavior Center, Inc.
 - (u) Touchstone Residential Services
 - (v) Unity Home Care, Inc.
 - (w) VOCA Corporation of North Carolina d/b/a New Horizon
- (7) Bad Debt WriteOff: 4/16/12 - \$9,708.10 – Information Sharing
- (b) Client Rights Committee - Carol Beaumont - Chairperson

Carol Beaumont reported that the Client Rights Committee reviewed the Complaints report for the 2nd Quarter of FY12 (October, November, December 2011). There were a total of four (4) complaints reported during this quarter. Three of the complaints were resolved and one complaint is unresolved due to referral to an out-of-county agency.
- (c) CFAC Report - Cassandra Herbert & Jason Phipps, Co-Chairpersons

Jason Phipps reported that CFAC did not meet this month. Mr. Phipps reported that CFAC has recruited two new members. In addition, current members are serving on the MCO workgroups when possible.
- 3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Nutt reported that the Johnston Health Department (JHD) Board met on April 3rd and voted unanimously to take over the management of the Johnston County Mental Health Center (JCMHC) "safety net" services beginning January 1, 2013. These services include outpatient psychiatric and medication related services as well as management of hospital Behavioral Health services. The common goal between the two agencies is to make this transition as seamless as possible to consumers. Dr. Nutt reported that these services will still be operating in our current location with the current staff. This partnership will have many benefits such as establishing an electronic health record (EHR) for behavioral health services, similar billing systems, etc. Twenty (20) positions will be employed by JHD including psychiatrists, nurses, case managers, clinicians, and support staff.

Dr. Nutt reported that staffing of JHD positions together with MCO positions will limit the number of layoffs that have to occur. Some staff are retiring; others are transitioning to the MCO Corporate office. MCO positions will not be finalized for another few weeks.

Dr. Nutt reported that staff are involved in various MCO workgroups, many of which are being held here at the Center, since it is central to all four MCO counties. These workgroups are planning for the transition to an MCO in January, 2013. Several of the workgroups have begun processes of communicating changes to stakeholder groups. The Provider Network workgroup is focusing on communicating with providers about the credentialing process required for them to become enrolled with the MCO.

Dr. Nutt reported that Sandhills Center has moved their "go live" date as an MCO from July 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012.

Dr. Nutt informed the Board of her thankfulness to legislators and other prominent citizens in our community for their support. In the upcoming legislative session, Rep. Leo Daughtry has said he will propose changes in current legislation to make "three-way bed" funds available for existing psychiatric beds not just new beds. This rule change would reduce indigent debt for any hospital with behavioral health beds. Dr. Nutt will report back to the Board the outcome of this proposal.

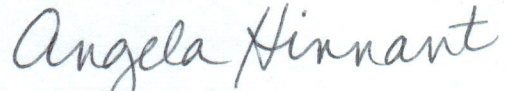
Dr. Nutt informed the Board that JCMHC submitted a budget to The Durham Center for half year of services dollars anticipating their taking over state/federal funding in January, 2013. Dr. Nutt stated that contracts presented to the Johnston Board for approval next month will be for a 6-month period (July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012).

There being no further business, Derle Moore made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Toshiko Preston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Merkwan, Ph.D., Chairperson
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA



Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA