

## JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

May 28, 2013

Present: Carol Beaumont, Beverly Boyd, Chuck Hester, Eleanor Creech, Toshiko Preston, William Massengill, Jr.

Absent: Jacqueline Lacy

Excused Absence(s): Karen Watkins, Derle Moore, DeVan Barbour

Guest(s): Jason Phipps

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Jan Whitley

Carol Beaumont presided over the meeting which was held at 6:15 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

### MINUTES

#### 1. Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2013

William Massengill, Jr. made a motion that the minutes of the March 26, 2013, meeting be approved as presented. Toshiko Preston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### 2. Reports From Committees

##### (a) Support Committee

##### (1) Financial Report – April, 2013

Eleanor Creech made a motion that the financial reports for April, 2013, be approved as presented. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

##### (b) Client Rights Committee – Carol Beaumont, Chairperson

No report.

##### (c) CFAC Report - Cassandra Herbert & Jason Phipps, Co-Chairpersons

Jason Phipps reported that a new CFAC member, Leanna George, was approved at February's meeting. During March's meeting, CFAC compiled a projected budget which is currently pending approval.

Mr. Phipps announced a continued interest in a community forum being held. The availability of the Johnston Community College auditorium is being looked into as a potential location.

#### 3. FY14 Budget Proposal

Dr. Janis Nutt reviewed the FY14 Budget Proposal with Board members. Dr. Nutt stated that revisions needed to be made. A vote on the FY14 Budget Proposal was tabled until the next meeting.

#### 4. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt reported to the Board about attending a meeting where Dr. Vos, Secretary of DHHS, presented information about the Governor's new reform of Medicaid, in general, not just Mental Health. The focus of the meeting was a discussion of plans for integration of healthcare in the State.

Dr. Nutt reminded the Board of legislative changes that were made last year in reference to Area Boards. Changes included the composition of the Boards as well as a requirement to hold a budget hearing. Dr. Nutt reported that the next Board meeting will include discussion and voting on a budget by the Board.



Dr. Nutt reported to the Board that Cumberland MH/DD/SA has announced that it is officially merging with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare, effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Nutt updated the Board on our partnership with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare. Dr. Nutt reported that our contract with Alliance for next year is being negotiated. Some transition with positions will occur to utilize staff more efficiently.

Dr. Nutt reported that although the Alliance provider network is closed, existing providers may add some State-funded services. For providers not currently in the network, however, individualized consumer contracts may be established if necessary.

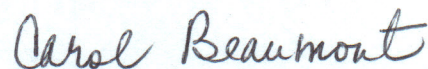
Dr. Nutt reported that Dr. Kumari Verghese, Dr. Marilyn Pearson from the Johnston County Health Department (JCHD), Dr. Nutt and Ulrike Mattern, MH/SA Care Coordinator Supervisor for Johnston County Mental Health, and Dr. Sean Schreiber, Clinical Director for Alliance have met to discuss and set up a protocol regarding using care coordination to assist the JCHD staff with admission and referral at Johnston Medical Emergency Department (ED).

Dr. Nutt reported that unfortunately, the Lakeside Greenhouse Program will close the end of June. Discussions with Johnston County Industries (JCI) and Johnston Community College have taken place to explore the possibility of those agencies taking over the management of this Program. However, due to many recent system changes, including the service definition for Supported Employment, it was deemed necessary to close the Program and look at reshaping it at a later date. No students have been registered for the Summer or Fall semesters. The staff at the Greenhouse Program will remain in place to assist with the closing of the Program.

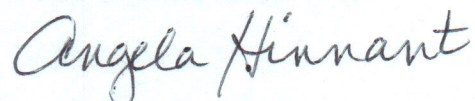
Dr. Nutt reported that Vicki Shore, has agreed to apply for the Johnston County position on the Alliance Area Board. Ms. Shore is retiring from JCI at the end of the month. Dr. Nutt expressed her opinion that Ms. Shore has much experience with Mental Health and I/DD issues in the County and as a provider of services in general, and as such would be an ideal representative. Dr. Nutt explained that if the Board agreed, it would be helpful if they would formally support Ms. Shore as the candidate to represent Johnston on the Alliance Board. **Eleanor Creech made a motion that the Johnston County Area Mental Health Board support Vicki Shore as the Johnston candidate for representation on the Alliance Board. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

There being no further business, Eleanor Creech made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Toshiko Preston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Beaumont, M.Ed., Chairperson  
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA



Angela Hinnant, Secretary  
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA