

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

October 23, 2012

Present: Eleanor Creech, Chuck Hester, Karen Watkins, Derle Moore, Beverly Boyd, Carol Beaumont

Absent: Jacqueline Lacy, William Massengill, Jr., Toshiko Preston

Excused Absence(s): DeVan Barbour

Guest(s): Jason Phipps, Cassandra Herbert-Williams

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

Carol Beaumont presided over the meeting which was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2012

Derle Moore made a motion that the minutes of the August 28, 2012 meeting be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Derle Moore, Chairperson

(1) Financial Report – August/September, 2012

Eleanor Creech made a motion that the financial report for August/September, 2012, be approved as presented. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) FY13 Contract Amendment(s) For Board Approval

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

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

(b) Johnston County Group Homes, Inc. – Amendment #1

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

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

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

(d) Monarch – Amendment #1

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

(e) RHA Health Services, Inc. – Amendment #1

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

(3) FY13 Contract(s) – Information Sharing

(a) Johnston Community College

(4) FY13 Contract Amendment(s) – Information Sharing

(a) Johnston Counseling Services – Amendment #2

(b) Kraft Psychological Services, P.A. – Amendment #2

(c) National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a North Carolina Mentor – Amendment #2

(d) Savin Grace – Amendment #2

(e) Southeastern Healthcare of NC – Amendment #1

- (5) FY13 Contract Termination – Information Sharing
 - (a) The Ruth Center
- (6) FY13 Personal Service Contract(s) – Information Sharing
Psychiatric Consultant(s)
 - (a) The Center of Neuropsychiatric Services, P.C. – Veeraindar Goli, M.D
- (7) Bad Debt WriteOff: 10/19/12 - \$9,405.60 – Information Sharing
- (b) Client Rights Committee – Carol Beaumont, Chairperson
 - (1) Objection to the Amendment to Rule 10A NCAC 27G.0504
Carol Beaumont reported that the Client Rights Committee has met once since the last Board meeting.

Ms. Beaumont reported that the Client Rights Committee has written an objection to the proposed amendment to Rule 10A NCAC 27G.0504. The Committee's concern is the rule does not state that staff of provider agencies who serve on the Client Rights Committee shall not be voting members. Providers have voiced concern about finding enough consumers and family members to participate; however, the rule allows multiple providers to combine to form a single Committee. This would decrease the number of consumers and family members needed to serve on the Client Rights Committee.

Ms. Beaumont presented to the Board the objection to the amendment to Rule 10A NCAC 27G.504 and asked their approval to send the objection to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Karen Watkins made a motion that the objection to the amendment to Rule 10A NCAC 27G.0504 be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- (c) CFAC Report - Cassandra Herbert & Jason Phipps, Co-Chairpersons
Jason Phipps reported that CFAC met in September and October, 2012. CFAC membership remains low. CFAC will vote next month on a potential new member, and if approved, will increase the total membership to eight (8).

Mr. Phipps reported that the Action Planning Subcommittee met and discussed the need to share information with the community regarding the transition to a Managed Care Organization (MCO). Mr. Phipps will write a letter to Dr. Janis Nutt requesting a community event.

Mr. Phipps reported that CFAC continues to participate on MCO workgroups including Call Center and I/DD Care Coordination.

Mr. Phipps reported that he and Cassandra, co-chairs of CFAC, continue to participate in meetings discussing how the four county CFACs will be blended in the MCO environment.

Mr. Phipps announced that Doug Wright, Director of Consumer Affairs with Alliance, is scheduled to attend the next CFAC meeting.

3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Nutt updated the Board on the transition of safety net services to the Johnston County Health Department (JCHD) and the 1915 (b)(c) Waiver activity with Alliance Behavioral Health.

Dr. Nutt reported that the transition of safety net services to the JCHD is going well. Beginning the 2nd week in September, a temp was hired to get consumers to sign the assignment of

benefits forms and exchange of information forms and to complete new calculations of sliding fees based on the JCHD fee scale which was recently adopted by our agency. The goal is to have this project completed by the end of December, 2012. In reviewing consumer information, it has been discovered that approximately 80% of our consumers are shared with the JCHD, which makes the transition easier. Dr. Nutt reported that she is talking with Dr. Marilyn Pearson, Health Department Director, about staffing needs and operations with psychiatrists, nurses and other clinical and support staff.

Dr. Nutt reported that the 1915 (b)(c) Waiver activity with Alliance Behavioral Health is moving forward. The consulting firm, Mercer, employed by the N.C. Department of Health Human Services (DHHS) to review readiness of each agency to become an MCO, completed the 120-day readiness review at Alliance on September 13, 2012. Insufficient progress was found in several areas. As a consequence, workgroups that cover almost every aspect of the MCO have been meeting with great frequency to respond to corrective actions required in the Mercer review. Multiple trainings for local staff and providers on various aspects of the new system have been scheduled for the later part of November and the early part of December, 2012. Dr. Nutt reported that Mercer will return for a 60-day readiness review on November 8, 2012 to determine Alliance's readiness to begin on January 1, 2013 as an MCO.

Dr. Nutt reported that two MCOs, Mecklenburg and Coastal Care (Southeastern Center, Onslow Carteret), were delayed after their readiness reviews with Mercer and their start dates postponed to February 1, 2013. Dr. Nutt reported that there are only three (3) active MCOs, ECBH, Smoky Mountains, and Western Highlands, other than the original model, PBH (now Cardinal Innovations). Sandhills MCO start date has been delayed twice and currently is December 1, 2012.

Dr. Nutt reported that Dr. Pearson presented JCMHC's Kate B Reynolds grant, an integrated care program which is shared with the Health Department, at the Institute of Medicine statewide conference back in August, 2012.

Dr. Nutt explained to the Board about the article that was recently printed in the Smithfield Herald regarding Board membership. She reported that in the 2012 legislative session a bill was passed that mandated a governing board structure for the MCOs. The bill stated, however, that if a MCO had a population of more than 1.25 million and if all of the County Commissioners in the catchment area comprising the population approved, then the MCO could develop an alternate board structure. For Alliance, the commissioner resolution has to be unanimous in all four counties that comprise the MCO. Ms. Ellen Holliman, Director of Alliance, requested to present this resolution to the Johnston County Commissioners, and the resolution was unanimously approved at the October meeting. The Cumberland County Commissioners have yet to approve the resolution.

Dr. Nutt further explained that Johnston County has only one representative on the Alliance Board under the Interlocal Agreement, and that representative cannot be appointed by our County Commissioners due to a conflict of interest in the County's governance of both the Mental Health Center and the Health Department. JCMHC, as an Area Authority, will retain its own Board and will see some changes in Board structure under the new bill by October, 2013.

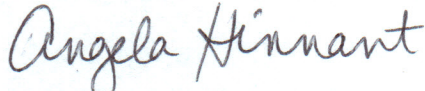
Dr. Nutt informed the Board that there has been no contract finalized between Alliance and Johnston County Area MH/DD/SA Authority for Board approval. She stated she would forward the document to Board members as soon as possible for review. Dr. Nutt asked the Board to be available for the November Board meeting for review and to consider approval of this contract and also to vote on approval of the FY13 Budget.

There being no further business, Eleanor Creech made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA