

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2010

Present: Joe Patterson, Dr. Donna Merkwan, Maylon Baker, Mary Williford, Andrea Johnson, Carol Beaumont, Pat Harris, Jackie Lacy

Absent: Chuck Hester, DeVan Barbour

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Dr. Wendy Elliott, Dr. Kumari Verghese, Dr. Marian Keyser, Jan Whitley

Dr. Donna Merkwan, Chairperson, presided over the meeting which was held at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

MINUTES

1. Introduction of New Board Member

Board members welcomed Andrea Johnson and introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes - October 27, 2010

Maylon Baker made a motion that the minutes of the October 27, 2010, meeting be approved as amended. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman

(1) Financial Report - January, 2010

Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial report for September, 2009, be approved as presented. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) FY10 Contract(s) - Board Approval

(a) A Caring Heart Case Management, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Advantage Home & Community Care, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(c) Pinetree Community Services, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(d) Universal Mental Health Services, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(3) FY10 Contract Amendment(s) - Board Approval

(a) ACI Support Specialist, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Advanced Health Resources, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(c) Coordinated Health Services, Inc.

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(d) Howell Support Services, LLC

Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(4) FY10 Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing

(a) Not Just Another Community Center

(5) FY10 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing

(a) Advantage Home & Community Care, Inc.

(b) Alpha Management Community Services, Inc.

(c) Alpha Omega Health, Inc.

(d) ICAN & Associates, Inc.

(e) The Lawson's House

(f) Universal Mental Health Services, Inc.

(6) FY10 Personal Services Contract(s) - Information Sharing

Administrative & Service Management Consultants

(a) Melvin L. Nobles

(7) Bad Debt Write-Off - \$9,403.58 (11/12/09 - \$6,733.51 and 1/14/10 - \$2,670.07) - Information Sharing

(b) Human Rights Committee - Mary Williford, Chairperson

Mary Williford reported that the Committee reviewed the quarterly incident report for the 1st quarter of FY09/10. A 43% increase in reporting was noted. In addition, the Committee reviewed the quarterly complaint report for the 4th quarter of FY08/09. All incidents and complaints were resolved.

(c) Consumer and Family Advisory Committee - Cassandra Herbert and Jason Phipps, Chairpersons

No report.

(d) Mental Health Association Presentation - Marie Dodson

Marie Dodson, Executive Director, introduced herself and shared the new direction of the Mental Health Association to Area Board members.

3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt welcomed new Area Board members. Dr. Nutt indicated that orientation for new Area Board members will be scheduled in the near future.

Dr. Nutt thanked Ms. Dodson for attending the Area Board meeting tonight. Dr. Nutt informed Ms. Dodson that she looks forward to working with her and strengthening our relationship with the Mental Health Association.

Dr. Nutt reported that the transfer of Growing Together to the Johnston County School system was unanimously agreed upon by Area Board members. The transfer will be effective March 1, 2010. Dr. Nutt asked that Area Board members approve the special board poll minutes for January 12, 2010. **Mary Williford made a motion that the minutes for the special board poll be approved as presented. Joe Patterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

Dr. Nutt reported that Mental Health statewide continues to experience extreme financial crises. Dr. Nutt hopes our agency has seen the last of the financial cuts for this year. Our

agency will have as many cuts next year, beginning July, 2010, hopefully without the addition of a 5% cut. The State itself is experiencing cash flow problems and currently owes us \$800K.

Dr. Nutt reported that the Division of MH/DD/SAS is introducing a few new initiatives, a statewide managed care waiver and Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHA).

There being no further business, Maylon Baker made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA