

## JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2010

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

Absent: Andrea Johnson, DeVan Barbour

Excused Absence(s): Chuck Hester

Guest(s): Dorothy Best

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Dr. Wendy Elliott, Jan Whitley

Dr. Donna Merkwan, Chairperson, presided over the meeting which was held at 7:05 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

### MINUTES

#### 1. FY09 Audit Presentation

Jackie Lacy made a motion that the audit be accepted as presented. Eleanor Creech seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes - February 23, 2010

Maylon Baker made a motion that the minutes of the February 23, 2010, meeting be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### 3. Reports From Committees

##### (a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman

###### (1) Financial Report - February, 2010

Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial report for February, 2010, be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

###### (2) FY10 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing

(a) Omega Independent Living Services, Inc.

###### (3) FY10 Personal Services Contract(s) - Information Sharing

###### **Medical & Psychiatric Consultants**

(a) Suzanne J. Nicholas, M.D.

##### (b) Human Rights Committee - Mary Williford, Chairperson

Mary Williford reported that the Human Rights Committee reviewed the complaint report for the first quarter of FY09/10 (July - September, 2009). There were seven complaints and all were resolved with only two of the complaints requiring corrective action.

In addition, Ms. Williford shared that the Human Rights Committee discussed the Rules Commission implementing rule changes for Human Rights Committees. These changes have not yet been posted for comment. **Mary Williford made a motion that the Human Rights Committee be permitted to make a recommendation that the staff employed by providers and serving on the Providers' Client Rights**

**Committees not be allowed to vote. Joe Patterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

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

No report.

3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt reported to Area Board members that the DMH/DD/SAS is moving forward with two initiatives - Critical Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHA) and Statewide Managed Care Waiver(s).

CABHA's will be agencies required to provide a quality level of service, continuum of care in the community, case management, and serve as the clinical home for consumers. Many providers have concerns that their agencies will be unable to meet the established criteria to be approved as a CABHA.

The Statewide Managed Care Waiver(s) will be phased into the system. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) plans to have one to two waiver sites in place by July 1, 2010. In order to apply for waiver status, an LME must have at least 70,000 covered Medicaid lives and be 100% divested of services. Currently, there are only six LME's in the State that meet these qualifications. Dr. Nutt will keep Area Board members updated on the waiver issue.

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that Secretary Lanier Cansler has begun attending the monthly Area Directors meetings. At the most recent meeting, Secretary Cansler stated that his goal is to see one additional waiver site successfully in operation by July 1, 2010, and he would like LME's to be creative in their collaboration strategies, not necessarily mergers.

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that the State is having some financial concerns. The rate cuts that were imposed on the Mental Health system this year will more than likely be repeated in the upcoming year.

There being no further business, Eleanor Creech made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Angela Hinnant, Secretary  
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA

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