

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

May 25, 2010

Present: Joe Patterson, Chuck Hester, Dr. Donna Merkwan, Mary Williford, Andrea Johnson, Maylon Baker, Carol Beaumont, Derle Moore

Absent: DeVan Barbour

Excused Absence(s): Jackie Lacy, Dr. Pat Harris, Eleanor Creech

Guest(s): Dorothy Best, Cassandra Williams-Herbert

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

Dr. Donna Merkwan, Chairperson, presided over the meeting which was held at 7:10 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

MINUTES

1. Introduction of New Board Member
Area Board members introduced themselves and welcomed new board member, Derle Moore.
2. Approval of Minutes - March 23, 2010
Mary Williford made a motion that the minutes of the March 23, 2010, meeting be approved as amended. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Reports From Committees
 - (a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman
 - (1) Financial Report - April, 2010
Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial report for April, 2010, be approved as presented. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (2) FY09 Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Not Just Another Community Center
 - (3) FY10 Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Johnston Health
 - (4) FY10 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Community Connections Healthcare Services, LLC
 - (b) Precious Haven, Inc.
 - (5) FY11 Contracts - Board Approval
 - (a) A New Start Support Services, LLC
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (b) A Small Miracle, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (c) Alternative Life Programs, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (d) The ARC of North Carolina, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (e) Children Under Construction Treatment Center

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

- (f) Community-Based Learning Center/CBLAC
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (g) Coordinated Health Services, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (h) Cumberland County Area MH/DD/SA Authority
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (i) Day By Day Treatment Center of Johnston County
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (j) Easter Seals UCP North Carolina, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (k) Eleventh Judicial District Re-Entry
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (l) Feed His Sheep Ministries - Stellar Peer Recovery Center
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (m) Johnston Counseling Services
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (n) Johnston County Group Homes, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (o) Johnston County Industries, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (p) KMG Holdings, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (q) Kraft Psychological Services, P.A.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (r) Mental Health Association of NC, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (s) Omni Visions, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (t) Preferred Alternatives, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (u) Residential Alternative Living Management, Inc. d/b/a RALM, Inc.

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

(v) Restoration Family Services, Inc.

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

(w) RHA Health Services, Inc.

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

(x) Rose of Sharon Adolescent Treatment Home, LLC

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

(y) Southeastern Adult Day Center, Inc.

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

(z) Stan B Treatment Services, Inc.

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

(aa) Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc.

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

(bb) Three Springs of North Carolina, Inc.

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

(cc) United Family Network, Inc.

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

(dd) Unity Residential Services, Inc.

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

(ee) Wake Enterprises, Inc.

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

(ff) Woodbridge Alternative, Inc.

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

(6) Bad Debt Writeoff - (05/07/10 - \$13,036.04 - Information Sharing

(7) FY09/10 Budget - Revision #1

Joe Patterson made a motion that this budget revision be approved as presented. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(8) HALT - Funding Request

Joe Patterson made a motion that the HALT funding request be denied based on our agency's current financial circumstances with the understanding that if our financial circumstances change this request could be reconsidered. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Human Rights Committee - Mary Williford, Chairperson

Ms. Mary Williford reported that the Human Rights Committee reviewed the Incident Report for the 2nd Quarter (October, November, December, 2009). No Level III incidents occurred during this quarter. In addition, the Committee reviewed the Complaints Report for the 2nd Quarter

(October, November, December, 2009). Only one complaint occurred during this quarter and it focused on a facility, not a consumer.

Ms. Williford informed Area Board members of the need for additional Board member representation on the Human Rights Committee.

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

Ms. Cassandra Herbert reported to Area Board members that CFAC is actively recruiting members. In addition, the Committee is working towards meeting new statutes. CFAC members attended the Regional CFAC meeting held in Wilmington on May 24, 2010. Sessions at this meeting focused primarily on Peer Support.

Ms. Herbert informed Area Board members that CFAC meetings are public meetings and invited Area Board members to attend. CFAC meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

4. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members on happenings within the State. Leza Wainwright, Director of the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS announced her retirement, effective September 1, 2010. John Tote, former director of The Mental Health Association in NC (MHA) was named her replacement. Shortly after Mr. Tote's appointment, it was disclosed that payroll taxes for MHA employees had not been paid in several years. In light of this disclosure, Mr. Tote declined the position.

In addition, Mike Watson was promoted to Deputy to the Secretary of Health & Human Services. Dr. Michael Lancaster, Director of Policy was terminated from employment.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that the Governor's and Senate's budget have proposed not to take the \$40 million cut from Mental Health projected in last year's budget. In addition, a proposal is being made for \$12 million to be allocated to expand three-way contracts for hospital beds. However, the dollars allotted are for new beds, not existing ones. Dr. Nutt also informed Area Board members that the \$9 million proposed to go to existing beds, such as the Behavioral Health Unit at Johnston Health, to help defray indigent costs were not included in any of the budgets.

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that expansion of the Medicaid 1915 B and C Waiver, currently in place in Piedmont Behavioral Health LME is being expanded in the state. Four LME's - Sandhills, ECBH, Western Highlands, and Mecklenburg - have applied for the waiver expansion project. LME chosen to move forward with the waiver process is to be announced in June. The Waivers apply managed care concepts to Medicaid and State MH/DD/SA funding.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that the NC Division of MH/DD/SAS has begun the interviewing process for CABHA's. Our Medical Director, Dr. Kumari Verghese, and two Licensed Professionals will participate in the interviewing process to evaluate CABHA's for commitment to quality care and continuum of services, beginning June 15th.

There being no further business, Mary Williford made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Derle Moore 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