

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2011

Present: Dr. Donna Merkwan, Chuck Hester, Carol Beaumont, Karen Watkins, Jacqueline Lacy, Toshiko Preston, Dr. Pat Harris

Absent: DeVan Barbour, Andrea Johnson

Excused Absence(s): Eleanor Creech, Maylon Baker, Derle Moore

Guest(s): Dorothy Best, Marie Dodson

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Dr. Wendy Elliott, Dr. Kumari Verghese, 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. Approval of Minutes - May 24, 2011

Carol Beaumont made a motion that the minutes of the May 24, 2011, meeting be approved as presented. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Chuck Hester

(1) Financial Report - May, 2011

Chuck Hester made a motion that the financial reports for May, 2011, be approved as presented. Carol Beaumont seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) FY12 State Contract(s) - Board Approval

(a) A New Start Support Services II, LLC

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Eleventh Judicial District Re-Entry, Inc.

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(c) Healthcore Resource, Inc.

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(d) JML Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Software Solutions

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(e) Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(f) NOVA-IC, Inc.

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(g) Omega Independent Living Services, Inc.

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(h) Renu Life Extended

Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- (i) Residential Alternative Living Management, Inc. (RALM)
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (j) Restoration Family Services, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (k) RHA Health Services, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (l) Rose of Sharon Adolescent Treatment Homes, LLC
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (m) Savin Grace, LLC
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (n) Stan B Treatment Services, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (o) The Right Trax, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (p) Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (q) Turning Point Family CARE, PLLC
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (r) United Family Network, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (s) Unity Residential Services, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (t) Universal Mental Health Services, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (u) Wake Enterprises, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (v) Your New Beginning, Inc.
Chuck Hester made a motion that this contract be approved as presented.
Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (3) FY11 State/Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Healthcore Resource, Inc.
 - (b) Nova-IC, Inc.
 - (c) Unity Home Care, Inc. (Medicaid Pass Thru)
- (4) FY11 State Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) A New Start Support Services II, LLC - Amendment #6
 - (b) Eleventh Judicial District Re-Entry, Inc. - Amendment #2
 - (c) Renu Life Extended - Amendment #2

- (5) FY11 Personal Service Contract (s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Ada Martinez
 - (b) Elena Marie Dodson
- (6) FY11 Personal Service Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Elena Marie Dodson
- (7) FY12 Personal Service Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - Psychiatric Consultant(s)**
 - (a) Abdul S. Khalid, M.D.
 - (b) Capital Area Psychiatric Associates, PLLC - Hasan Baloch, M.D.
 - (c) James Groce, M.D.
 - (d) Mizanur Rahman, M.D.
 - (e) Uzma Faheem, M.D.
 - (f) Valerie Holmes, M.D.
 - (g) Vijay Ghate, M.D.
 - (h) Zachary Feldman, M.D., P.A., Inc.
 - (i) Zahid Rauf, M.D.

Other Consultant(s)

- (a) Melvin Nobles
- (8) FY12 Other Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Corestaff
 - (b) Mitchell Temporary Services, Inc.
- (9) FY12 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Family Preservation Community Services
 - (b) Lutheran Family Services
 - (c) Omega Independent Living Services, Inc.
 - (d) Omni Visions, Inc.
 - (e) Precious Haven, Inc.
 - (f) Stan B Treatment Services, Inc.
 - (g) Sunlight Behavior Center, Inc.
 - (h) Therapeutic Community Resources, Inc.
 - (i) Touchstone Residential Services
 - (j) Unity Home Care, Inc.
 - (k) VOCA Corporation of North Carolina d/b/a New Horizon
- (10) Bad Debt Write Off - 5/05/2011 - \$5,123.95 - Information Sharing
- (11) FY12 Interim Budget - Board Approval

Chuck Hester made a motion that the FY12 Interim Budget be approved as presented. Karen Watkins seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Client Rights Committee - Carol Beaumont, Chairperson

Carol Beaumont reported that the Client Rights Committee is in need of new members. Ms. Beaumont said the Committee would consider individuals from the community and could consider up to three Area Board members. Ms. Toshiko Watson volunteered to serve on the Client Rights Committee.

Ms. Beaumont reported that the Committee reviewed the 2nd quarter (October - December, 2010) complaint report. The report reflected three complaints with two being resolved and one concerning an insurance issue. In addition, the Committee reviewed the 3rd quarter (January - March, 2011) incident report. The report reflected that incidents had decreased one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) from the previous quarter.

3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt gave an update to Area Board members regarding the 1915 (b)(c) Medicaid Waiver process. Guilford LME made the decision to withdraw from the Single County Coalition (Johnston, Durham and Cumberland). Representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) informed the Coalition that if Guilford submitted a letter formally withdrawing from the Coalition, the application would not be jeopardized for the remaining partners, and there would be no need for the Coalition to resubmit their application.

Dr. Nutt reported that seven LMEs submitted Waiver applications by the deadline. Four LMEs or groups of LMEs passed the application desk review - Eastpointe, Smoky Mountain, a group of LMEs planning merger (Pathways, Crossroads and MH Partners) and our Coalition. Three LMEs - Wake, Southeastern Center and Centerpoint were not approved but were given a period of time to re-submit their Waiver applications.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that a site visit took place on June 23rd at The Durham Center. Johnston and Cumberland LMEs were invited to represent their agencies. Sixteen people were present to complete the site review. Reviewers were from DMH, DMA, and Mercer, the consulting agency for the State whose expertise is in managed care in the public sector. The reviewers completed an overview of the system, administration, clinical and consumer relations. No feedback was given at the time of the site review, but results will be given on or before August 1st as to whether a contract will be awarded or if a plan of correction will be required.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that legislation was approved that keeps our agency from being fined for not meeting the mandated population requirements. Dr. Nutt gave Representative Leo Daughtry and Senator David Rouser praise for their help in obtaining this special provision.

Dr. Nutt reported that 45 million dollars in state funds are being cut from the Mental Health budget: 20 million dollars will be a direct cut of service dollars and 25 million from fund balances. A preliminary estimate of Johnston's cut will be \$250,000. It is uncertain at this time how these cuts will be applied. Dr. Nutt will report back to the Area Board once our allocations are received.

Dr. Nutt reported that Johnston Health is seeking options to improve management of the Behavioral Health Unit. Johnston Health is considering contracting with a private provider to manage the Unit. There have been no decisions made at this time; however, Dr. Nutt will keep Area Board members informed of any changes.

Dr. Wendy Elliott reported that the Division of MH/DD/SAS has received a FEMA Grant for the April 16th tornados which includes Johnston County. The grant allows staff to offer short-term crisis and outreach services to those impacted. In addition, staff are able to inform the community of which services are available and assist in making referrals. Although the original grant expired in mid-June, an extension has been requested and it is anticipated that it will be approved.

Dr. Kumari Verghese reported that Community Care of NC is currently focusing on the pain

medication clinics and emergency departments prescribing a high volume of opiates. Wake and Johnston Emergency Departments are developing a uniformed policy to evaluate frequent visits and pain management patterns.

There being no further business, Chuck Hester made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Karen Watkins 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