

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2015

Present: Carol Beaumont, Eleanor Creech, Jacqueline Lacy, Beverly Boyd, Terry Keene, Jason Phipps, Dr. Jerry Jailall, Dorothy Best

Absent: Chuck Hester

Excused Absence(s): DeVan Barbour, William Massengill, Jr., Karen Tremblay, Derle Moore, Marie Dodson

Liaison to Board: Vicki Shore

Guest(s): None.

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt

Carol Beaumont presided over the meeting which was held at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Center.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2015

Eleanor Creech made a motion that the minutes of the May 26, 2015, meeting be approved as presented. Jacqueline Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee, Derle Moore, Chairperson

(1) Financial Report – As of May 31, 2015

Jacqueline Lacy made a motion that the financial reports as of May 31, 2015, be approved as presented. Beverly Boyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) FY16 Contract(s) – Board Approval

(a) Community and Senior Services of Johnston County – JCATS

Eleanor Creech made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Beverly Boyd seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) Client Rights Committee – Carol Beaumont, Chairperson

No report.

(c) CFAC Report - Cassandra Herbert & Jason Phipps, Co-Chairpersons

Jason Phipps reported that the CFAC Executive Committee met in May. Mr. Phipps reported that monthly meetings will be reinstated beginning in July. Mr. Phipps reported that CFAC met in June. The Committee discussed recommendations for officers; however, due to the lack of attendance no vote occurred. Mr. Phipps reported that membership was discussed during this meeting since four members are nearing the end of their 3-year term.

Mr. Phipps reported that Glenda Stokes with the Division of MH/DD/SA gave a brief overview of the DWAC meeting. In addition, Mr. Phipps reported that Doug Wright reported on Alliance's current branding campaign.

(d) Alliance Behavioral Healthcare Board Report – Vicki Shore, Board Representative For Johnston LME/MCO

Vickie Shore reported that the last Alliance Board meeting discussed the current branding campaign. The purpose of the branding campaign is to get Alliance's name out in the community.

In addition, Ms. Shore reported that concerns with Wake County not having sufficient inpatient beds were discussed. Currently, the average wait time for an inpatient bed in Wake County is four (4) days.

Ms. Shore reported that due to the State Auditor's report and findings of Eastpointe, Alliance has decided to be proactive and bring in an independent accounting firm to complete an audit to insure that there are no issues and that proper policies and procedures are in place and being followed.

3. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt presented the Senate Budget Update for DHHS as follows:

- The Senate's proposed appropriations for the DHHS spends \$80,668,634 less in the first fiscal year or about 1.6% less than the FY 2014-15 budget. The Senate's budget for the DHHS makes targeted increases in funding for some initiatives, and makes reductions in certain areas to help address Medicaid costs and transfer money to reserves.
- The special provisions contain significant policy changes including a Medicaid reform plan that would transition to a capitated model managed outside DHHS by a new Health Benefits Authority over two years.
- The Senate's proposal also phases out the state's Certificate of Public Advantage and Certificate of Need policies by 2019.
- Anticipated growth in Medicaid (Medicaid rebase) is funded at \$311.7 million in year one and \$489 million in year two.
- The proposal reduces funding to LME/MCO's by \$185,604,653 nonrecurring in each year. A corresponding special provision bases the reduction to each LME/MCO on the percentage of its single stream funding and directs them to fulfill service obligations with cash balances.
- Transfers the state's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Center (ADATC) services from all existing centers to LME/MCOs and appropriates \$37 million to the LME/MCOs.
- Provides \$4,927,500 nonrecurring for additional three-way psychiatric beds, adding 25 more community hospital beds.
- Provides \$268,000 recurring and \$350,000 nonrecurring across both years to develop a mental health crisis bed registry.

Many of these updates will come under negotiation in conference between the House and the Senate.

Dr. Nutt shared with the Board the proposal for merger that Alliance presented to the County Manager, Rick Hester, and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on June 10th. Mr. Hester has called a meeting for Thursday, June 25th, to discuss the proposal. Dr. Nutt asked Board members for their input regarding the proposal so that she could take it forward to the Commissioners. Dr. Nutt will keep the Board informed of what the next steps are and the response of the BOCC.

There being no further business, Beverly Boyd made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Terry Keene seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA