

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2010

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

Absent: Chuck Hester, Andrea Johnson, DeVan Barbour

Excused Absence(s): None.

Guest(s): Cassandra Williams-Herbert, Karen Watkins

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

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. Approval of Minutes - June 22, 2010

Eleanor Creech made a motion that the minutes of the June 22, 2010, meeting be approved as amended. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman

(1) Financial Report - June, 2010

Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial reports for June, 2010, be approved as presented. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(2) Financial Report - July, 2010

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

(2) FY11 Contract Amendment(s) - Board Approval

Standard State Contract Amendments

(a) A New Start Support Services, LLC

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

(b) ACI Support Specialists, Inc.

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

(c) Advanced Health Resources, Inc.

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

(d) Easter Seals UCP of NC and Virginia, Inc.

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

- (e) Howell Support Services, LLC
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (f) Johnston County Council on Aging
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (g) Restoration Family Services, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other Contract Amendment(s)

- (a) Johnston Community College
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (3) FY11 Contract(s) Termination - Board Approval
 - (a) Mental Health Association of NC, Inc.
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Derle Moore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (4) FY11 Contract(s) - Information Sharing
Standard State Contracts
 - (a) ReNu Life Extended, Inc.
 - (b) The Lawson's House
- (5) FY11 Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) A New Start Support Services, LLC
- (6) FY11 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) A Caring Heart Case Management, Inc.
 - (b) ACI Support Specialists, Inc.
 - (c) Advanced Health Resources, Inc.
 - (d) Community Connections Healthcare Services, LLC
 - (e) Howell Support Services, LLC
 - (f) Restoration Family Services, Inc.
 - (g) Universal Mental Health Services, Inc.
- (7) Discussion - Contact Teleministry Contract
Dr. Janis Nutt reported to Area Board members that she and staff had met with Contact and discussed the recommendation from our insurance carrier that their agency have liability insurance coverage. In addition, the representative from Contact had very little knowledge of how many people were being served, what was being provided, and that volunteers were being allowed to take calls from their homes.

Joe Patterson made a motion that funding for Contact after July would be discontinued until Contact reapplies with the appropriate insurance coverage. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- (b) Human Rights Committee - Mary Williford, Chairperson
The Human Rights Committee met and reviewed their annual report (See Attachment I).

In addition, the Committee reviewed the 3rd Quarter Complaint report (January, February, March, 2010) and the 4th Quarter Incident report (April, May, June, 2010).

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

Cassandra Herbert reported to Area Board members that CFAC hosted their "Meet and Greet" event and did gain some interest for potential members for the Committee.

3. Policy/Policy Revision(s) - For Board Approval

(a) CRPCOM-3/Smoking Policy

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(b) INFMGT-12/Vehicle Maintenance

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(c) PERMGT-15/County Approved Driver List

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(d) CONSRV-26/Transporting Consumers

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(e) CRPCOM-16/State Funded Contracting

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(f) CONSRV-29/Transporting Consumer Records

Carol Beaumont made a motion that this policy revision be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt introduced Ulrike Mattern, Substance Abuse Services Manager. Ulrike invited Area Board members to the 2nd Annual Recovery event which will be held at the Johnston Medical Mall on September 30, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's event will feature Tawana Williams, nationally acclaimed speaker.

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that the Legislature restored funding for services, which were reduced for Fiscal Year 2010, back to the level for Fiscal Year 2009.

Dr. Nutt reported that NC Legislature passed a Special Provision in the State Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2011 to hold Johnston LME Administrative Funding at the same level as FY10. Since Fiscal Year 2008, JCMHC funding has been reduced 10% incrementally for having a catchment area population less than 200,000. Representative Leo Daughtry and County Commissioner DeVan Barbour were instrumental in this legislation being approved. This Special Provision is only valid for Fiscal Year 2011, giving the LME time to consider other options for structure and future financing.

Dr. Nutt informed Board members that Johnston County Mental Health Center received Kate B Reynolds Grant for an Integrated Care Project with Johnston County Health Department (JCHD). Advertisement for a clinician to facilitate the project will be posted next week. The clinician, who will be located at JCHD, will complete substance abuse and depression screening, provide short-term treatment and referrals as needed. We have already received \$137,000 to initiate the grant.

Dr. Nutt informed Board members that JCMHC is collaborating with Community Care of Wake and Johnston County (CCWJC) on an Integrated Care Project for high-risk Medicaid consumers. Effective July 1, 2010, CCWJC has contracted with JCMHC for Dr. Kumari Verghese to work 8 hours per week to oversee psychiatric services for this project in

Johnston County. In this role, Dr. Verghese will visit local primary care physicians who serve Medicaid Access consumers to inform them about making referrals for mental health and substance abuse services, prescribing psychiatric medications, and prevention practices to reduce Emergency Room visits and hospitalizations.

5. Participation on Area Board Committees

Dr. Donna Merkwan requested that Area Board members think about what Board Committees they would like to join if they are not already actively participating on a Committee.

There being no further business, Mary Williford made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA