

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

October 27, 2009

Present: Eleanor Creech, Joe Patterson, Chuck Hester, Jackie Lacy, Dr. Donna Merkwan, Ronnell McGill, Maylon Baker, Mary Williford, Pat Harris

Absent: Carol Beaumont, Cathy Bunn, Nelson Rose, DeVan Barbour

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, Dr. Kumari Verghese, Jan Whitley

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

MINUTES

1. Introduction of New Board Member
Board members welcomed Pat Harris and introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes - July 28, 2009
Maylon Baker made a motion that the minutes of the July 28, 2009, meeting be approved as amended. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
3. Reports From Committees
 - (a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman
 - (1) Financial Report - September, 2009
Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial report for September, 2009, be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (2) FY10 Contract(s) - Board Approval
 - (a) Johnston Community College
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (3) FY10 Contract Amendment(s) - Board Approval
 - (a) A New Start Support Services, LLC - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (b) ACI Support Specialist, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (c) Advanced Health Resources, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - (d) Alternative Life Programs, Inc. - #1

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

(e) American Human Services, Inc. - #1

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

- (f) ARC Services, Inc. d/b/a Monarch - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (g) Children Under Construction Treatment Center - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (h) Community Based Learning Center/CBLAC - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (i) Community Based Learning Center/CBLAC - #1 Consumer Specific
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (j) Coordinated Health Services, Inc. - # 1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (k) Day By Day Treatment Center of Johnston County - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (l) Day by Day Treatment Center of Johnston County - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (m) Homes of a New Hope, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (n) Howell Support Services, LLC - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (o) Impact Youth and Family Services, Inc. - # 1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (p) Johnston Counseling Services - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (q) Johnston County Industries - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- (r) KMG Holdings, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (s) Kraft Psychological Services, P.A. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (t) Mental Health Association of NC, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (u) Milestone Therapeutic Care Residential Services, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (v) Omni Visions, Inc. - # 1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (w) Pine Village Treatment Services, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (x) Preferred Alternatives, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (y) Professional Care Management, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (z) Restoration Family Services - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (aa) Rose of Sharon Adolescent Treatment Home, LLC. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (ab) Savin Grace, LLC - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (ac) Southeastern Adult Day Center, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- (ad) Stanb Treatment Services, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (ae) Three Springs of North Carolina - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (af) Unity Residential Services, Inc. - #1
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (ag) Woodbridge Alternative, Inc. - #2
Joe Patterson made a motion that this contract amendment be approved as presented. Dr. Donna Merkwan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (4) FY10 Contract(s) - Information Sharing
(a) Therapeutic Alternatives, Inc.
- (5) FY10 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
(a) National Mentor Healthcare, LLC d/b/a NC Mentor
(b) Restoration Family Services, Inc.
- (6) FY10 Budget
(a) Revised Budget Reductions
Joe Patterson made a motion that these revised budget reductions be approved as presented. Mary Williford seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
(b) FY10 Budget Approval
Joe Patterson made a motion that the FY10 budget be approved as presented. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- (7) Bad Debt Write-Off - (9/15/09 - \$5500.51) - Information Sharing
- (b) Human Rights Committee - Dr. Donna Merkwan, Chairperson
(1) Proposal for Stipends for Non-Compensated Members
Dr. Donna Merkwan presented a proposal for stipends for non-compensated Human Rights Committee members. Compensation would be for non-Board members only, at a rate of \$25 per meeting, and be made retroactive to July 1, 2009. Chuck Hester made a motion that this proposal be approved as presented. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Dr. Donna Merkwan reported that the Committee reviewed the complaint report for the 3rd quarter (January, February, March, 2009).
- (c) Consumer and Family Advisory Committee - Cassandra Herbert and Chuck Hester, Jr., Chairpersons
Mr. Hester reported that CFAC appointed a new co-chair, Jason Phipps.
4. Policy/Policy Revisions - For Board Approval
(a) Research Involving Consumers
Dr. Donna Merkwan made a motion that this new policy be approved as presented. Joe Patterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
(b) Accounting - Separation of Duties

Mary Williford made a motion that this new policy be approved as presented. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Election of New Area Board Chairperson

Dr. Janis Nutt shared with Area Board members that due to legislation passed in 2007, Eleanor Creech's term with the Board ends effective October 31, 2009. Since Ms. Creech serves as the Chairperson of the Area Board, members need to elect a new chairperson.

Jackie Lacy nominated Dr. Donna Merkwan for the position. Mary Williford made a motion that Dr. Donna Merkwan accepted as Chairperson by acclamation.

Mary Williford was appointed as Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee to replace Dr. Merkwan in that position.

6. Board Meeting Change of Time

Dr. Janis Nutt asked Area Board members for their input on changing the meeting time to 6 p.m. on the 1st or 3rd Tuesday of the month. After much discussion, this item was tabled until the next meeting to allow for an opportunity to discuss the possible change of meeting time with the Finance and Human Rights Committees.

7. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that our agency received the full 3-year CARF accreditation. The accreditation review occurred August 12th through 14th. The CARF reviewers were helpful and gave recommendations for a few elements.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that the Divisions of MH/DD/SAS and Medical Assistance are again implementing significant changes which will effect the local program. There have been substantial budget and rate cuts, some services are being deleted, Child residential treatment facilities are being substantially reduced, and Community support services are being phased out of the system. Dr. Nutt will continue to keep Area Board members apprised of continued changes within the system.

There being no further business, Maylon Baker made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jackie Lacy seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor N. Creech, Chairperson
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA

Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA

