

JOHNSTON COUNTY AREA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

October 26, 2010

Present: Dr. Donna Merkwan, Joe Patterson, Jackie Lacy, Chuck Hester, Eleanor Creech, Carol Beaumont, Maylon Baker

Absent: Andrea Johnson, DeVan Barbour

Excused Absence(s): Dr. Pat Harris, Derle Moore, Mary Williford

Guest(s): Marie Dodson, Cassandra Williams-Herbert, Dorothy Best, Karen Watkins

Staff: Dr. Janis Nutt, 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 - August 24, 2010

Jackie Lacy made a motion that the minutes of the August 24, 2010, meeting be approved as presented. Joe Patterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Reports From Committees

(a) Support Committee - Joe Patterson, Chairman

(1) Financial Report - September, 2010

Joe Patterson made a motion that the financial reports for September, 2010, be approved as presented. Eleanor Creech seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

(a) A New Start Support Services, LLC - Amendment #3

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

(b) ReNu Life Extended, Inc. - Amendment #1

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

(3) FY11 Contract(s) - Information Sharing

(a) Bridges of Hope, Inc.

(b) The Right Trax, Inc.

(c) Turning Point Family CARE, PLLC

(4) FY11 Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing

(a) ACI Support Services, Inc. - Amendment #2

(b) Advanced Health Resources, Inc. - Amendment #2

(c) Howell Support Services, LLC - Amendment #2

(d) Restoration Family Services, Inc. - Amendment #4

(e) Universal Mental Health Services, Inc. - Amendments #1 and #2

- (5) FY11 Medicaid Pass Thru Contract(s) - Information Sharing
 - (a) Sunlight Behavior Center, Inc.
 - (b) The Arc of North Carolina, Inc.

(6) FY11 Personal Service Contract Amendment(s) - Information Sharing
Medical & Psychiatric Consultants

- (a) Valerie Holmes, M.D. - Amendment #1
- (b) Zachary Feldman, M.D., P.A., Inc. - Amendment #1

(7) FY11 Budget

Joe Patterson made a motion that the FY11 budget be approved as presented. Maylon Baker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(8) Bad Debt Write-Off - (9/29/10 - \$11,003.73) - Information Sharing

(b) Human Rights Committee

Carol Beaumont reported that the Human Rights Committee was informed that Client Rights rules are still under review. The Committee was given an update on the new incident reporting system, IRIS. In addition, general training for new members/participants of the Committee will be scheduled in the near future.

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

(a) Problem Resolution for Providers

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

4. Discussion - Board Committee Membership

Dr. Donna Merkwon requested that Area Board members that were not actively serving on a Committee consider doing so. Eleanor Creech volunteered to serve on the Support Committee. Maylon Baker offered to serve on the Support Committee, if needed. Dr. Donna Merkwon will ask if Andrea Johnson would be willing to serve on the Human Rights Committee.

5. Report From Dr. Nutt

Dr. Janis Nutt informed Area Board members that the Division of MH/DD/SAS is moving forward with Certified Access Behavioral Health Agencies (CABHA) certifications. If a provider agency does not meet CABHA certification by December 31, 2010, they will no longer be able to provide certain enhanced benefit services. The LME is currently assisting providers who are not going to meet CABHA certification with transition of consumers.

Dr. Nutt informed 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. Mecklenburg and Western Highlands have been selected as the next two waiver sites. Due to Health Reform, a 30 to 40 percent increase in Medicaid eligibility will occur by 2014.

Dr. Nutt reported to Area Board members that \$137K has been received for the Kate B. Reynolds Grant, an Integrated Care Project with Johnston County Health Department (JCHD). Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that we are close to hiring a clinician, who will be located at JCHD, and will complete substance abuse and depression screening, provide short-term treatment and referrals as needed. Even though grant monies can only be given one year at a time, there is a potential that grants funds could be available for the next two years.

Dr. Nutt informed Area Board members that JCMHC will be collaborating with Community Care of NC (CCNC). CCNC has 14 branches statewide including a branch which covers Wake and Johnston Counties, Community Care of Wake and Johnston Counties (CCWJC). The focus of this collaboration will be to integrate care for high-risk Medicaid consumers by working with their primary care physicians to assure that their physical and psychological needs are being met. Dr. Kumari Verghese, JCMHC Medical Director will be working for CCWJC one day per week to facilitate this collaboration with local primary care physicians.

There being no further business, Joe Patterson made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Chuck Hester seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Angela Hinnant, Secretary
Johnston Area MH/DD/SAA