

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the February 23, 2010, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum being present. Chairman Walker swore in Tom Alexander as a board member and welcomed him to the Board.

## **ROLL CALL PRESENT**

Tom Alexander, Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Tom Feisel, Phillip Prior, M.D., Eric Walker, Bill Weimer.

## **ABSENT**

Gene Eusanio, Sheila Heath, John Peden, Kevin West.

## **STAFF**

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Rhonda Myers, Lynn Porter, Jim Averill, Nadine Carroll.

## **GUESTS**

Sally Holt, Patricia Waits, Trisha Saunders, Traci Mason, Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Becky Edwards.

Chairman Walker asked the audience to introduce themselves and if they had any questions or comments.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January Board minutes.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2-23-10-1**

**Be it resolved upon motion by T. Feisel and second by Dr. Prior that the January Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Don Mohler presented the January financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had an average month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH (\$222,221.28), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$32,080.05)), 3d Quarter allocation from ODMH (\$391,784.00) and the 3d Quarter allocation from ODADAS (\$76,577.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a very large month for expenditures. In addition to the “normal” January 2010 expenditures for our contract agencies, the Board also paid invoices that were received for the last two weeks of December 2009 while the county was not writing checks. A few of the larger expenditures over the monthly budget during January were Mid-Ohio Psychological Services Medicaid (\$65,345.72), Out of County Medicaid (\$194,160.20) and The Recovery Center Non Medicaid (\$46,095.02). Also, there were three paydays in the month of January. With a monthly beginning balance of \$571,060.82, receipts of \$723,036.10, expenses of \$1,127,981.82, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$166,115.10.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2-23-10-2

**Be it resolved upon motion by J. Bahnsen and second by T. Feisel to approve the January financials. Motion was unanimously approved.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Becky Edwards, Director of the Fairfield County Family Adult & Children First council told the board about the fact-finding trip to Excel Academy in Newark. Since Out of County Medicaid costs are a huge uncontrolled part of the budget, Becky, Patricia Waits and Tessie Swain are doing analyses of the big users of OOC Medicaid to see if there is anything that can be done to control these costs. She added that the Youth Cluster did this years ago. They found that Fairfield County was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest placement of students. In 2008-2009, 91% of kids had a mental health diagnosis. Becky said that they appear to provide very good quality services, they have a committed, caring staff and are committed to getting kids back to their home schools unlike a lot of agencies. Becky noted that several of the kids did not come through cluster.

Tessie will now participate in the IEP meetings to better coordinate services. The kids there have severe behavioral health issues. They have a partial hospital program and very good staff. This is an extremely appropriate placement. We are also asking Excel to encourage Fairfield County kids to be referred to kid's cluster. If there were funds available for a committed staff person SBH, it would help prevent some referrals but it is a staff issue. J. Bahnsen stated that Fairfield county schools refer to Excel. Franklin County just expels their kids. She added that it is a big cost to schools so it is a last resort but best for the safety so they do send them. Chairman Walker asked who paid for these services. J. Bahnsen said that it is blended, the schools cover the education and transportation costs and we pay for treatment services. T. Alexander asked what percent of OOC services does Excel account for. Director Hall replied they currently account for about 15 percent of our OOC expenses.

Becky told board members that the ADAMH Board, the Council and Prevention Works were conducting the phone OfIMind survey while we are meeting. Director Hall explained that it is a scientific sampling of plus/minus 5 and it is collecting opinions about mental health and substance abuse that can then be compared back to the statewide data gathered by the Board Association.

Lynn Porter discussed the analysis she did of Emergency Services usage. This analysis was done to see if we could avoid a payback to the state at the end of this fiscal year. Data that was reviewed was age, community, employment, insurance and type/no insurance, who they lived with, their situation, who are they seeing for treatment, diagnosis, lethality and their outcome, whether they were admitted or referred on. Error rate was plus/minus 5. New Horizons saw 256 people at FMC in the first quarter of the year and if this rate continues it will total 1,024 people seen. Forty percent of people evaluated in FY 10 were admitted for psychiatric hospitalization. The majority of those were Lancaster residents. The most frequent diagnosis was depression. Over one-third of those evaluated had a primary or co-existing substance abuse disorder. If admissions and length of stay remain constant the Board will use 1,215.43 bed days. This could mean the Board might have to pay back 574 days. We are already at 751 and only purchased 700. Length of stay is a factor as it is higher at Athens.

Rhonda talked about statewide MHSIP. She noted that we were honored to be asked by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to implement the survey statewide. We've been doing it here for

three years. We will be working on it between now and the end of June. Jim added that PPS staff are working on the report end.

Rhonda told the board that the 120 day notices for the contract agencies need to go out. She revised the synopsis of changes (see handout).

Patricia Waits talked about the Out of County Cluster. The cluster is in the process of looking at providers especially those racking up the most costs. She noted that a lot of people that are making the OOC referrals now participate in the cluster. We know we can't control services but we can look at providers. More collaboration is the way to work with these people and talk about the data.

Director Hall noted that 87 percent of people sent to residential treatment relapse, it is not effective and is costing the Board a lot. Trisha added that they are trying to build a relationship with the director of Stepping Stone. We don't know everyone sending people out of county but we are trying to get a grip on it. We are having to shut our doors to non-Medicaid services. We are hoping to get Medicaid users in to keep people in county but the judges and defense attorneys are encouraging people to go to residential instead of jail.

Director Hall updated the board on the Opiate Task Force. The Community Education Committee is working on training speakers for the speakers bureau and the Fairfield County Foundation is providing \$4,000 worth of professional design and printing services including a website. The Law Enforcement & Treatment committee is looking at jail data and a day reporting center. It would cost less to invest in a Day Reporting Center. The Medical committee is going to do a study at FMC; Dr. Prior developed the survey. They are also looking at requiring a training for all doctors with admitting privileges. The Measurement Committee is collecting data in a community survey on prevalence in opiate use.

Director Hall talked to the board about the upcoming Board Training. This training will be on the Board's liability and authority regarding Medicaid. Frank Hickman, an attorney specializing in Medicaid, will be the trainer and it will be held on March 20 at the OACBHA office, 33 North High Street in Columbus. It will start at 9 and go to noon with lunch provided. Other central Ohio boards have been invited as this is an issue that is of interest to all boards.

We will be talking about financials, January OOC and bed days, contracting and our financial position at the next meeting and over the next several months.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2-23-10-3**

**Be it resolved, upon motion by T. Alexander and seconded by B. Weimer to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Board meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary