

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the March 27, 2012, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Chairman Bahnsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Tom Alexander, Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Caryl Caito*, Jeff Gerken, John Hoag, Ph.D., Pat Marshall, Robert Masone, M.D., Sheri Perry, Phillip Prior, M.D., Marian Reitano, Erin Roylance, M.D.

ABSENT

Tom Feisel

STAFF

Rhonda Myers, Lynn Porter, Don Mohler, Patricia Waits, Martha Pool, Nadine Carroll.

GUESTS

Esther Branscome, Tony Motta, Scott Reed, Brad Hedges, Ph.D., Tim Welker, Ron Stoughton, Sr., Janet Muralt, Dan Singer, Rosemary Hajost, Deward Watts, Chris Ryckman, Steve Cox, Debra Smith, Loretta Phalen, Dave Phalen, Trisha Saunders, Jason Price, Brian Moore, Jonny Moore, Suzanne Capitini.

Chairman Bahnsen asked the audience to introduce themselves and share questions or comments. She indicated each of the three parties would have 10 minutes to present their thoughts to the board. Summaries of each position's interests, which were approved by them, were distributed to make comparisons easier.

Brian Moore, Windsor Company, spoke to the Board about the offer for the current location of TRC.

Debra Smith, TRC board member, spoke to the Board in support of Pearl House.

Jason Price, TRC board member, spoke to the Board in support of Pearl House.

Steven Cox, TRC board member, spoke to the Board in support of Pearl House.

Brian Moore spoke again to the Board about their offer.

*C. Caito arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Deward Watts presented a powerpoint in support of Citizens for Downtown Lancaster.

Chairman Bahnsen reported on the Executive Committee's thoughts from the previous week's meeting. Executive Committee members were given copies of the interest statements prior to the committee meeting. The committee thanked Director Myers for her exhaustive work on this highly complex issue. Chairman Bahnsen said the committee defined the Board's place in this by stating: The ADAMH Board supports the development of permanent supportive housing for persons with addiction disorders; the original letter of support did not speak one way or the other to the location of the permanent supportive housing; and the Recovery Center is an independent, non-profit organization with its own governing board, and it is not within the purview of the ADAMH Board's authority to designate the business location of an independent service providing agency; and all parties have had an opportunity to make their interests known.

Masone stated his disapproval that all this was done without the board's knowledge until the last minute when we were asked for a letter of support. He also said that even Chief Bailey is not supporting this any longer. He stated that TRC wasn't just bricks and mortar. His patients, handpicked to have the best chances at recovery, are always complaining about TRC and not wanting to go there. He recommended that TRC take a good hard look at the quality of their services. Dr. Prior stated that patients are always trying to avoid ancillary services because it is painful for them to look at themselves and that is what the services need to do. He added that TRC's model is being recognized all over the state as a model program, and that it is not fair to lambast TRC. Patients need a system of care with supportive services and they need everything on site. They can be very successful when barriers, such as transportation, are reduced. Dr. Roylance added that patients do best when they are monitored and that is what TRC and the drug courts are doing but it is hard to do when they are spread to wide. Dr. Masone added that he is very selective of his patients they have to be motivated and follow a very strict program so he only takes special referrals or self-referrals from within programs. Dr. Hoag stated as a relatively new board member and educator, that he commended the community on deciding to spend money to build elementary schools. He also stated that the board has never seen a proposal for this project. He encouraged interested parties to engage and put children first and find a satisfactory solution for the community. J. Gerken said that he had worked with the Chief for a long time as a deputy police chief and that Chief Bailey is not opposed to this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-12-1

Be it resolved upon motion and second by the Executive Committee to maintain the support the original letter of support that did not mention location. Motion was approved. Nays - Dr. Hoag and Dr. Masone.

Chairman Bahnsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February Board minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-12-2

Be it resolved upon motion by S. Perry and second by C. Caito to approve the February minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee – Pat Marshall reviewed the report from the Finance committee. Don read the highlights for the month of February. He added that the bed days are still under utilized. S. Perry asked if this information is normal for this time of year. Don replied that it was. He added that he spoke with Ed Laramée at the County who told him we should be receiving our portion of levy funds next week. Pat asked Brad how our reserves stacked up against other boards. Brad said that Fairfield County (ADAMH Board) is doing it right. He said that some boards have almost a years worth of reserves which means a lot of money is not being used for services. It is good to have reserves but not to that extent. S. Perry talked about how a lot of Medicare only clients aren't aware of Medicaid Advantage. If more were aware of this program, it would take some people off our rolls so we could treat more. She added that a lot of people go to New Horizons out of habit. She suggested getting an intern to help guide those people in learning about other options.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-12-3

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Gerken and second by Dr. Prior to approve the February financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

P. Marshall discussed the Grace Haven request and the Board's extension of the contract time. They still had funds but were running out of time to use them so the Board extended the contract. They are still working on their budget. Loretta thanked the board for last year's support. She explained that they provide supportive housing and have helped over 50 women so far. She explained that they have some private funding and volunteers. They partner with TRC. They are a Christian organization so it is by choice that the women come there. M. Reitano asked about the cost. Loretta stated that the contract had been for \$10,000 and it started in October of 2010 and was extended until February of 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-12-4

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Masone and second by Dr. Prior to approve extending Grace Haven's contract through June 2012 for \$4,800. Motion was approved. T. Alexander abstained.

P. Marshall stated that there have been many discussions around the \$237,000 that could be available to fill some gaps. He asked the agencies to submit a proposal on how they would use a portion of the funds based on the ethics of scarcity model.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers said that it has been a long meeting so she would be brief. She told the board that the state Opiate Summit is coming up in May and if anyone is interested in attending they should talk to Martha as we might be able to get some people in for free. She added that Dr. Prior will be presenting at the summit.


Chairman Bahnsen told the board the next meeting will be April 24th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

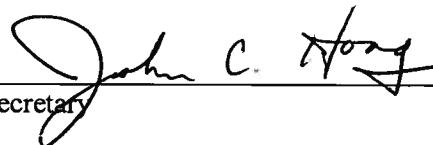
RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-12-5

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

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Chair



Secretary