

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the April 24, 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, Sheri Perry, Phillip Prior, M.D., Marian Reitano.

ABSENT

Tom Feisel, Robert Masone, M.D., Erin Roylance, D.O.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Esther Branscome, Tony Motta, Jeff Wagner, Brad Hedges, Ph.D., Suzanne Pelletier-Capitini.

Patricia Waits did the annual HIPAA training. HIPAA stands for Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Chairman Bahnsen asked the audience if they had any questions or comments.

Chairman Bahnsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March Board minutes. Director Myers stated just for the record that Chief Bailey stopped by after the board meeting and clarified that he was in total support of the Pearl House although the CFDL stated he was not. She said that Jeff Gerken clarified that in the March meeting that the Chief was in support of the Pearl House.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-12-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Hoag and second by Dr. Prior to approve the March minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Finance Committee – S. Perry reviewed the report from the Finance committee. She stated that there was not a quorum so there are no motions. She reviewed the financials and stated that expenses were higher due to a fifth week of payments but we received our levy payment so we are in good shape. She also said that we used more beds this month than we have been but still have a nice cushion. Nadine read the highlights for the month of March.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-12-2

Be it resolved upon motion by C. Bender and second by C. Caito to approve the March financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

Sherri Perry discussed the Grace Haven contract request, approved at the last meeting, for the rest of FY '12. They also provided a very transparent budget which she loved. Their revised budget is less than originally approved so we might need a new motion. They also budget on a calendar year and we really need it based on a fiscal year.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-12-3

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by M. Reitano to approve the final contract amount of \$3,600 to cover Grace Haven's contract through June 2012. Motion was approved. J. Gerken abstained.

S. Perry talked about the letter of support for the Re-entry grant. Board staff are working on the policy and procedures to address requests for letters of support. In light of the recent controversy this is needed. Director Myers said the Finance Committee reviewed the letter and the draft policy and procedure and recommended that she check with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair before sending this letter out. It was agreed that the policy & procedures should be completed before sending out a letter of support. It has been standard board practice to just whip off a letter of support when we were asked. This policy will allow for more scrutiny in the future. Chairman Bahnsen said we just thought it was a routine thing but we have learned a lesson that it cannot be a routine thing. It is not that we are against it or not supporting it. We need to be more informed on the issues we are supporting. Director Myers said that Job & Family Services is taking the lead on the Re-entry Coalition in the community. Patricia indicated it's been here for three years. Patricia told the board that her feeling about this policy is that there is a big difference between a letter of support for a residential program, a new treatment program or something different than there is just a routine letter of support for a grant. The average grant is written in 3-4 days at the last second so it seems the policy/procedure should not hinder Director Myers's ability to write a letter of support for routine things. There are certain areas that are always going to be controversial, anything residential, group homes, or anything that is new in the community that affects people's property value. The other area is new treatment programs. This letter is for a grant of which we are a participant. Chairman Bahnsen said people requesting the letter of support need to provide more information before ever issuing a letter of support to cover ourselves so we don't end up in this kind of mess again. She added that we are doing a first reading of the policy tonight and we'll be taking comments on it and referring it to the policy and procedure committee next meeting.

S. Perry said the committee discussed health homes and HIPAA which Director Myers can discuss in more detail. The committee also discussed a trade agreement so we can be a trading partner or a billing clearinghouse for the state. Director Myers said this is an opportunity with the State taking over Medicaid in July. If we are a clearinghouse we can get data for our planning. We could also do this for other counties. It could be a very helpful tool. Jim should be able to have it up and running by July 1st. S. Perry added it may also be a funding stream. Dr. Hoag asked if we had everything we need to do this. Director Myers said they think they do. It is more a matter of writing code than physical needs. Agencies have to be affiliated to a health home by July 1, 2013. Brad said the complexity of this is mind boggling. Most of this is simply writing a couple of queries to sort out the data. There are other services that could come out of this like eligibility verification. It's all Sequel database stuff and Jim and Robert have been doing this for years. Director Myers said we need to do more research before deciding if it would be of use. S. Perry agreed. Dr. Hoag suggested having a non-binding meeting of systems people.

S. Perry said the finance committee while discussing the supplemental allocations expressed their concern that it wasn't fair to be "dangling the carrot", a decision needs to be made. Her own feeling is that this should not be used to supplement someone that has reached their Medicaid cap because

we should not provide unlimited services to some while others go without. To help in transitioning to the ethics of scarcity that this should be project based. Director Myers said that Dr. Gillette stated if the state is putting caps on this it would be wrong of us to thwart their attempt at utilization management. We are requesting one page proposals due by June 1st so it could be decided at the June board meeting. Director Myers indicated when it was discussed at the CHC meeting, Agency Directors suggested since everyone has been cut so much and there is not nearly enough money it was thought that each agency would get some and not load up a lot of paperwork. A one page proposal would be a compromise between a lengthy proposal requirement and nothing at all. Chairman Bahnsen said the agencies' can do a one page application and the Board can decide and asked if possible to have it ready by the May meeting.

S. Perry said the Finance Committee reviewed the draft Board Office Budget. Director Myers expressed interest in possibly trying to do some cost of living increases for staff since they haven't had any since 2008. M. Reitano and P. Marshall both stated they didn't like cost of living increases but P. Marshall added that merit raises are ok.

S. Perry said the committee also discussed forensic services. The state wants the Boards to take responsibility for forensic clients and they have offered a tiny bit of incentive money. Lynn stated that they are drafting a letter which we need to wait and see. This could be a costly endeavor for us.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There is a new AoD involuntary commitment law that is rather unusual. It follows the mental health commitment process but stops short of it. You have to provide half of the treatment cost up front and the balance at the end of treatment. It doesn't involve boards. S. Perry said it sounds like it was written for family members.

Director Myers stated that May is Mental Health Month. Patricia said that the theme is "Bee Aware". FMHCG has partnered with the Board to put out a lot of materials and distribute seeds, church inserts, mental health books and reading lists (that she and Lynn put together) at the libraries. This will be repeated for September is Recovery month. Nadine said that the Pickerington cruise- in on June 1st is coming up. We are also working on the Artwalk and will be attending the Chamber's safety fair.

Lynn said that at the end of March we had used 825 bed days which is more than usual but we still have 1092 left. Lynn added that she thinks the increase is due to our length of stay decreasing by 50 percent.

Martha talked about the SPF-SIG (Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant) grant's purpose – for Fairfield County – is to decrease the number of 18-25 year olds misusing prescription medications specifically opiates. They are targeting the cities of Lancaster and Pickerington, sub-target population is OUL and OUP. YAPI (Young Adult Prevention Initiative coalition) has been formed and are meeting monthly. We are working on some needs assessments trying to determine what things are in place to help with this. The data committee that she chairs created a survey back at the beginning of the year to determine what they are using and what their perceptions are along with demographic information. We are having trouble getting surveys completed with less than half completed. We really need the data before coming up with prevention strategies. M. Reitano stated that the whole state is having the same problem. Chairman Bahnsen wished them luck with that population.

Director Myers reviewed the OARRS data that was in the board packet.

Director Myers updated the board on the OTF committee. The community education committee has been having good luck with the dentists finally. They had no idea they were contributing to the problem. The committee is now focusing on pets as some people will abuse their pets to get narcotics from veterinarians.

Director Myers reviewed the calendar including Lighthouse's golf outing on May 5th, New Horizon's 40th anniversary reception on May 9th, and the Pickerington Cruise-in on June 1st. The Board is partnering with SOCIL to present Mental Health 101 training on June 11th and 12th. The community plan is due on July 1st. Tony told the board they should've received an invitation to their 40th anniversary reception.

Director Myers showed the board her Tour de Cause (TDC) magnet – TDC is selling them for \$10.

Director Myers asked to move the June 26th board meeting up to the 19th. Some discussion followed and she said she would contact them after they had a chance to look at their calendars.

Chairman Bahnsen mentioned the July board meeting. It was agreed to not have a meeting in July due to so many vacations if at all possible.


Chairman Bahnsen told the board that we received a thank you letter from The Recovery Center Board thanking us for our affirmation and professional manner in dealing with concerns regarding their proposed relocation.

ADJOURNMENT

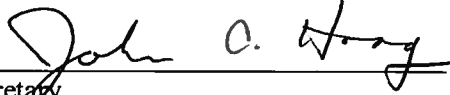
RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-12-4

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

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Chair



Secretary