

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the May 24, 2011, 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.

## ROLL CALL

### PRESENT

Tom Alexander, Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Pat Marshall, Robert Masone, M.D. Sheri Perry, Phillip Prior, M.D., Marian Reitano, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer.

### ABSENT

Gene Eusanio, Tom Feisel, John Hoag, Ph.D.

### STAFF

Rhonda Myers, Don Mohler, Lynn Porter, Nadine Carroll.

### GUESTS

Tony Motta, Linda Disbennet, Kevin Factor, George Clark, Patricia Waits, Esther Branscome, Trisha Saunders, Brad Hedges, Suzanne Pelletier-Capitini.

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

Patti Waits introduced Kevin Factor, the Vice-President of FMHCG and George Clark, Secretary/Treasurer. They thanked the board for supporting their strategic planning process. It helped bring barriers down and they were able to talk freely about what needed changed and why. It brought new vigor to the organization and people want to be more involved now. Everyone participated and it was a great experience. FMHCG not only saves lives but they help change them. They also realized that they cannot help everyone. S. Perry added that she was there as an advisor and she saw a change also, they have a new focus. Esther Branscome also thanked the board for their support of this process. She said they have 30 payeeships now. She also talked about 37 states now have peer support as a billable service and that is being worked on at ODMH.. She said they are still working on how the billing will happen. Chairman Walker said he was glad to see this happening.

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

## RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-11-1

**Be it resolved upon motion by C. Bender and second by B. Weimer to approve the April minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Don Mohler presented the April financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a very good month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$254,456.41), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$25,718.47)), February levy settlement (\$1,077,095.01), the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation from ODMH

(\$469,085.00) and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation from ODADAS (\$85,346.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had an above average month for expenditures. The month of April had five Fridays for the payment of invoices. All the MACSIS invoices that were not paid in previous months plus the current month's activity were paid. The total of expenditures of \$1,382,478.17 is the largest amount in one month that the Board has ever recorded. With a monthly beginning balance of \$573,805.01, receipts of \$1,929,066.89, expenses of \$1,382,478.17, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$1,120,393.73. By Board Policy the average cash balance of \$1,120,393.73 could be compared to twice the average monthly expense of FY'11 which would be \$1,606,749.48, or the average monthly expense for the past 21 years which would be \$987,016.16.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee – Dr. Masone presented the Finance committee report. They discussed the significant cuts that are looming and revisited the Ethics of Scarcity policy. The committee also reviewed the financials and accepted them as written. P. Marshall noted that we were at 69.7 percent of 60 days of expenses.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-11-2**

**Be it resolved upon motion and second by the Finance Committee to approve the April financials. Motion was unanimously approved.**

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Interim Director Myers reported that she was not able to make a recommendation until more information was received from the state. Our budget is going from \$10 million to \$3 million because of the state elevating Medicaid. The state is estimating our bed day usage and will withhold a match amount. ODADAS did not set up firewalls like ODMH so they can take back community dollars if we go over. Another piece of the puzzle is the ARRA money, it goes away June 30<sup>th</sup>, and so we go back to the 40 percent Medicaid match. Because we operate on a cash basis, claims that are billed as of June 30<sup>th</sup> or before, we have to cover. After July 1, the state is responsible for the match. Another revenue reduction of \$260,000 is from the Tangible Personal Property tax that is going away.

Interim Director Myers discussed the Board office budget stating that the reduction that is shown is actually \$55,000 because \$25,000 of the SPF-SIG grant has been added in to cover the cost of a part-time data person. Another piece of the budget are the expenses that are lumped together such as rent, we sublease to I&R and FACF, communications expenses, copier expenses, etc. This needs to be separated out to show the true effect. Interim Director Myers also noted the end of the lease is coming up and will need to be renewed. It will probably go up as the increase is tied to the Consumer Price Index. We also have to pay auditor's fees for collection of the levy which is \$36,000. She noted that PPS is broken out and also covered the Netsmart University cost which provides training to the entire system.

Interim Director Myers told the board that they are budgeting a 35 percent reduction for New Horizons, Mid-Ohio and Lighthouse. The Recovery Center's levy amount was reduced by 14 percent. FMHCG took a large hit several years ago so they are staying the same. The Out of County expenses will continue this year and probably increase but they will go away for next fiscal year. The Consumer Advocacy position that we fund through FACF will be about the same – they also do enrollments, MUI's and handles client complaints. We also participate in Children's Cluster, the 404 line item was eliminated, but ODMH told FACFs the State rolled the money into 505. The SFY 2012 amount is 35% of SFY 2011's amount. The pool money was reduced by 35 percent as well. The SPF-SIG grant is a pass through. We still pay for bed days at FMC and Lynn also channels some to other hospitals. We will have a payback this year for going over our

bed days but hopefully it will be a one time expense. We are going to discontinue our housing subsidies program but we need to allow 3-6 months to transition off – this is a \$37,500 reduction. We do have the small expenditure for insurance for I&R that we agreed to cover. They have seen an increase in calls. We are continuing to work with New Horizons as property managers for the Center of Hope building on East Main street. NAMI 's SFY 2012 needs were included in the amount they were allocated this year. Lutheran Social Services manages permanent housing; we need a year end report. The Child Advocacy Center requested funds but the board did not want to start funding new projects, the same with the Pickerington PATCH group. We are also discontinuing our contract with COVA for employment services and the housing subsidies we provide to Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority. Interim Director Myers said she was working with the agency directors to discuss these reductions. M. Reitano suggested that the Pickerington PATCH group hook up with other similar programs in the area. S. Perry said she has legislative contact information and has already written to Tim Shafer advocating for funding. Interim Director Myers agreed stating that due to advocacy efforts the state added \$2.5 million back in to ODMH & ODADAS, hopefully they will add more back in.

Interim Director Myers suggested revising the contract timelines and continuing the current allocation methodology for the first half of FY 12 while transitioning to the Ethics of Scarcity model. She added that we need to do a town hall meeting to let people know what is going on. We could also use that as a pre levy awareness campaign. She said that board staff are recommending we consider being on the ballot for 2012 given the cuts in funding. We dislike asking for more money but people are at risk of dying because of a lack of services. M. Reitano does not recommend going for a levy, it is expensive and has very little chance of being approved.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-11-3**

**Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Masone and second by T. Alexander to approve sending a letter to CAC, PATCH, FMHA and COVA to get out of these contracts and let them know we will not be doing other contracts. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Interim Director Myers told the board we are required to provide two estimates of bed days – one if we get the \$320,000 and another for \$440,000. She said that we are on target to use 1564 bed days this year. Things to consider – New Horizons is reducing their current client count to 115 by July. Tony said they would not be able to provide aftercare services. ODMH has asked judges to consider converting forensic clients to civil status which will cost-shift their care to local communities. Sentencing reform will release more people from prisons that will need treatment. Tracy Plouck, Director at ODMH talked about the “heartburn option” have a graduated payback but then board wouldn't get refund for unused days. Meetings are being set up to discuss options around this. Hospital capacity is going to figure into this also. If all hospitals are full – we can't get more clients in. ODMH has indicated we all need to partner to keep hospital use down.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-11-4**

**Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by P. Marshall to approve Interim Director Myers to negotiate with ODMH for 1745 up to 3500 bed days. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Interim Director Myers reported that they are still working on the Ethics of Scarcity policy, it is a group project. We are still working on prioritizing the state and legal mandates. The Finance Committee asked to fill in the percentages, with mental health the most complicated. We are also asking what is the board's priority, existing clients or aftercare. Tony commented that last year we

had 500 clients, down to 300, we believe that we need to care for the chronic condition that have been in treatment for years. Lynn commented that people coming out of the hospital needs care and the hospital wants to know about aftercare or if none is provided. Hospitals can't release people because of lack of services in the community. The doctors need to know who will be looking after this person and monitoring their medicine. The liability is the doctors. Dr. Prior added that the board is not in position to make decisions, the agencies need to make case by case decisions and that could be different for mental health than alcohol or other drugs. Interim Director Myers said it sounds like New Horizons needs to decide what to do, but the Board needs care and aftercare. Dr. Masone added we will have to do the best we can with what resources we have.

Nadine reported that the Artwalk is coming up on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Interim Director Myers discussed the calendar of events. She also told the board about a Case Western Reserve student that would like to intern at the board. She said that she would be a great resource.

Interim Director Myers said that we need to recognize any veterans serving on the board. She thanked P. Marshall for his service in the Navy and everyone applauded.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Walker told the board that officers' terms expire June 30. He is appointing a nominating committee of B. Weimer, Dr. Prior and himself.

J. Bahnsen noted that the board will meet on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The final four candidates will be interviewed starting at 9:00 a.m. Each person will have 45 minutes then we will have lunch and discuss and vote.

### **ADJOURNMENTS**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5-24-11-6**

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

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary