

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the May 25, 2010, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Vice-Chair Bahnsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Tom Alexander, Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Gene Eusanio, John Hoag, Ph.D., Phillip Prior, M.D., Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Tom Feisel, Sheila Heath, John Peden, Eric Walker.

STAFF

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Nadine Carroll.

GUESTS

Patricia Waits, Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Esther Branscome, Trisha Saunders.

Vice-Chair Bahnsen asked the audience to introduce themselves and if they had any questions or comments.

Vice-Chair Bahnsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April Board minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25-10-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by B. Weimer that the April Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the April financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a good month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH (\$374,177.91), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$53,302.33)), the 4th quarter allocation from ODMH (\$424,388.00) and ODADAS (\$77,008.00), and the indigent driver treatment fund from the Fairfield County Municipal Court (\$75,000.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had an above average month for expenditures. In addition to the normal contract expenses, the Out of County Medicaid expense (\$385,667.61) is more than double the normal monthly budgeted amount. With a monthly beginning balance of \$1,044,231.49, receipts of \$1,077,348.91, expenses of \$1,116,747.67, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$1,004,832.73.

B. Weimer asked about the large increase in out of county Medicaid. Director Hall stated that because of cash flow some March bills were held until April for payment.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25-10-2

Be it resolved upon motion by T. Alexander and second by C. Bender to approve the April financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall talked about the board office budget and the difference between 2010 and 2011 budget has a reduction of \$23,215. He noted that ODMH notified us of an additional \$181,595 in 505 monies since we historically are underfunded in that line item. With the elimination of the Incentive grants we will save \$192,399. FY'11 increased revenues and additional expenses were discussed with a net loss of \$165,132. This is all predicated on the assumption of the Federal stimulus continuing to subsidize Medicaid match which means we are only paying around 26 percent instead of 40 percent match. If not, we could go back to the 40 percent match at the end of December and end up with a \$700,000 deficit. Some areas to cut have been identified including no staff raises (2nd year), elimination of one full-time position and one shared (PPS hub). We are working on reducing OOC Medicaid by working with the Out of County (OOC) cluster, by engaging referral sources and developing an understanding with the courts and criminal justice system. This is especially important around OOC residential since they don't have medication assisted therapy. People go to residential and have no medication for a month then they come back and they are at risk for a relapse and maybe an overdose. Dr. Prior stated that residential is not a good bang for the buck. He added that residential services were developed to treat alcohol issues. The best recovery rate is with Suboxone and intensive outpatient (IOP) combo. Director Hall added that he was concerned about the increased risk of overdoses.

He added that Step by Step is still a problem but not as bad. Another liability is the psychiatric hospital bed days. We are already over for what we contracted. Director Hall stated that he and Tony Motta met with the ODMH Director and she was sympathetic and offered some solutions to consider. Director Hall attributed the increased bed day usage to the longer length of stay at Athens, 11 days per episode at TVBH as opposed to 20 at Athens. Tony noted that they are good people and they do good work down there. They just keep people too long. Director Hall discussed the letter he sent to Director Stephenson. He stated that we might get one or two requests granted but not all three.

Director Hall stated that he was planning on discussing vocational services but he will be meeting with COVA so he will wait until after the meeting.

Director Hall noted that he and Trisha are working hard on the day reporting center issue and they had met with most of the players on this issue and discussed things. There was a consensus that this is an important issue but nothing was decided for sure. Vice-Chair Bahnsen expressed concern about other counties dumping their problems here. Dr. Prior noted that without medication assisted treatment most people just relapse when they come out. B. Weimer pointed out that it is a huge expense.

The Opiate Task Force committees are meeting. The community education committee has been meeting regularly and now has 15-20 speakers trained to do community presentations. The medical committee is working on a medical symposium and Dr. Prior will be speaking at that.

K. West asked if there were any funds available for consumer scholarships. He also thanked board members for being sympathetic about the respite services. Director Hall stated that it would be tough especially going into next year. He said that we can look at it again when the budget stabilizes. Patti agreed stating that the Board usually does pay for scholarships but there just aren't

any funds right now. Vice-Chair Bahnsen asked if it was possible to do webinars instead of traveling to a conference. Patti said that would be possible when they offer some.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5-25-10-3

Be it resolved, upon motion by K. West and seconded by K. West to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.

Chair

Secretary