

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the June 23, 2009, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office, pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

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

## **ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Gene Eusanio, Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., Phillip Prior, M.D.\*, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

### **ABSENT**

Tom Feisel, John Peden, Marian Reitano.

### **STAFF**

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Rhonda Myers, Nadine Carroll.

### **GUESTS**

Carol Roche, Tony Motta, Trisha Saunders, Brad Hedges, Patricia Waits.

Chairman Weimer asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Tony introduced Carol, Board Chair of New Horizons.

Chairman Weimer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 19<sup>th</sup> Board minutes.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6-23-09-1**

**Be it resolved upon motion by J. Bahnsen and second by C. Bender that the May Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Don Mohler presented the financial highlights for May. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a good month for receipts. The Board received the FFP Medicaid reimbursement from ODMH and ODADAS (\$435,237.97). The Board also received the remainder of the first half payment for the 2008 levy (\$132,661.02), and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation from ODMH (\$471,991.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a high month for expenditures. In addition to the "normal" expenditures for our contract agencies, the Board paid the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY'09 payment (\$25,000.00), Fairfield Mental Health Consumer Group monthly allocation and closeout of personnel (\$30,822.00) and Out Of County Medicaid (\$191,640.30). With a monthly beginning balance of \$1,137,312.96, receipts of \$1,040,643.49, expenses of \$1,110,472.01, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$1,067,484.44.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 6-23-09-2**

**Be it resolved upon motion by E. Walker and second by Dr. Miller that the May financials be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.**

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

State Budget - Director Hall discussed the latest information from the state received the day before. The proposed budget includes 34% cuts to Ohio Department of Mental Health and 28% cuts to Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The departments have already taken significant hits and would have to pass these cuts on to Boards. If this budget passes, it could mean an \$800,000 cut for our system. He added that there will be a press conference on the statehouse steps tomorrow at noon if anyone could possibly attend that would be great. Trisha added that calls to legislators help too and she has a list of contact numbers if anyone would like to have it. Director Hall added that the main message is we are down to safety net services and we don't want them compromised.

FMHCG Transition - Patti told the board that she and Marcy have met and the transition is going well. The building is closed for the next couple of weeks so New Horizons can do a little remodeling. Tony said they will reopen on July 6<sup>th</sup> and will be ready to provide services. Director Hall added that they are working on Patti's transition to FACH and defining her job.

Grant applications – Director Hall stated that several grant applications are still pending. Sometimes we are not notified until after the grant period has already started. He added that the government has been inundated with applications. He noted that he is most hopeful about the SAMHSA grant for the Recovery Center. Fifty-six percent of opiate users incarcerated in the Fairfield County jail are between the ages of 18-24.

ODADAS Audit – ODADAS compliance auditors were here for several days last week. They were very professional and we learned a lot from them. One issue was the lack of a drug and alcohol committee. They were impressed with our fund accounting software (PO database).

Presentations – Rhonda, Sheriff Phalen, Tamara Bartek, Trisha Saunders, Sharon Shultz and Duffy Arter attended the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Annual meeting in Anaheim, CA two weeks ago. Rhonda, the Sheriff and Tamara presented on Fairfield County's drug court program. Fairfield County is receiving a lot of recognition for the drug court and the Recovery Center's Suboxone program. Director Hall added that Sheriff Phalen and he presented at the National Sheriff's Association convention in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. According to a deputy from Broward County, FL, 65 percent of illegal opiates originate from one county in Florida. J. Bahnsen stated that in the Gainesville area they advertise their Suboxone programs.

Rhonda reported that they participated in a three hour panel presentation where they discussed the problems we are facing and how much the Suboxone program has helped. She stated that they learned a lot from discussions including new techniques to make things more efficient and effective. They also learned of new drugs and related problems that are heading our way. Director Hall reported that the video process is underway. Dr. Prior has been interviewed by Lou Varga and will be featured in the production.

\* Dr. Prior arrived 6:45 p.m.

Record Retention – Director Hall reported that staff are working hard on record retention, going through boxes and boxes of old records keeping what is required and disposing of the rest so we have room for Patti to move in.

PR Update – Nadine reported that we had a good turnout for the Pickerington Cruise-in, we once again filled the street from Center Street to Hill Road. The weather was great and not as hot as last year. We are getting ready for Artwalk which is on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 p.m. Please stop in and see us and all the wonderful artwork.

Next Meeting – Director Hall noted that due to this last minute budget change we will need to meet in July. E. Walker asked if contracts were already in place. Director Halls stated that continuation contracts are in place until we get final numbers. He added that we are going to have to make more cuts and the longer we wait the worse they will be. J. Bahnsen stated a concern about conflict with the Lancaster Festival. A meeting date in the first week in August will be considered.

Director Hall told the board he appreciated Chairman Weimer’s hard work and leadership during his tenure as chairman. Chairman Weimer attended the agency’s board meetings and learned about the issues they were facing. Director Hall stated he looks forward to Chairman Weimer’s continued membership on the board.

#### CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Weimer reported that the Nominating Committee consisting of himself, S. Heath and M. Reitano, are nominating the following slate of officers: Chairman, E. Walker, Vice-Chair, J. Bahnsen and Secretary, C. Bender.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6-23-09-3

**Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Miller and second by Dr. Prior that the Board accept and approve the proposed slate of officers consisting of Chairman, E. Walker, Vice-Chair, J. Bahnsen and Secretary, C. Bender. Motion was unanimously approved.**

E. Walker asked about the status of the Step by Step issue. Director Hall said that he contacted the two firms he had recommended and one submitted a \$48,000 proposal to study the situation. Director Hall added that he was working with other boards to try and get them to go in on this proposal but since it wouldn’t result in an immediate reduction they probably won’t do it. We were notified that we will be receiving a \$66,259 one-time grant to help with the Step by Step expenditures. Considering the fiscal issues ODMH is facing, we are lucky to have received anything on this issue. He added that our OOC Medicaid liability has diminished recently which has helped. Patti’s major responsibility is to develop a process to work with agencies making out of county referrals. The Out of County cluster will also help reduce these referrals. E. Walker asked about bed days. Director Hall reported that we are slightly over so we might have a small pay back. The problem is a lot of people getting discharged are homeless and the hospital does not want to discharge them back to the street. New Horizons is doing a good job of gatekeeping but longer lengths of stay translate to more bed days used. Tony noted that there is a slight glimmer of hope. The stimulus package provided for a slight increase in the Federal percentage of Medicaid. Director Hall agreed but stated that it is time limited and we can’t use it to replenish reserves but it could help with 408 reductions.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary