

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the June 29, 2010, 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, Gene Eusanio, Tom Feisel, John Hoag, Ph.D., Phillip Prior, M.D., Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Cindy Bender, Sheila Heath, John Peden.

STAFF

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Lynn Porter, Nadine Carroll.

GUESTS

Patricia Waits, Dennis Olberding, Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Suzanne Pelletier-Walker, Trisha Saunders.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 6-29-10-1

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

Don Mohler presented the May financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a below average month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$401,512.92), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$33,775.51)), the remainder of the allocation from ODMH Title XX (\$46,477.00), and the Real Property Tax Rollback from the State of Ohio (\$133,966.83). Also, the Fairfield County Foundation donated a total of \$6,000.00 to the Opiate Taskforce. On the expense summary page, the Board had an average month for expenditures. In addition to the normal contract expenses, the Out of County Medicaid expense (\$210,596.41) continues to be above the normal monthly budgeted amount. With a monthly beginning balance of \$1,004,832.73, receipts of \$621,962.26, expenses of \$870,373.68, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$756,421.31.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-29-10-2

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Don reviewed the Board Office budget line by line. The overall decrease was \$33,715 mostly due to laying off a staff person in November.

Director Hall reviewed the summary of proposed 2011 budget changers. He discussed revenue that has been lost including the Federal drug court grants that have ended (time limited). Also decreasing revenues are the bed day overages that have gone beyond the escrowed amount of \$150,000 and the OOC Medicaid that was budgeted at \$1.8 million but will actually cost \$2.2 million mainly due to drug and alcohol residential. Total lost revenue is \$492,725. He also discussed recovered funds such as the incentive funds which we can no longer afford to do. Court closeout funds have also ended. We are considering not doing vocational services through COVA. This has yet to be determined. The audit cost is being eliminated and will allow the agencies to negotiate their own audits. We are also working on eliminating transitional housing at Concord Manor. This transitional housing has turned into permanent housing for a few consumers. The Board received a little bit of additional funding from ODMH for a total of \$88,297 in recovered funds.

Suboxone treatment to non-Medicaid clients was virtually stopped last year and it could get a lot worse by the end of this year especially if the stimulus funds go away. He added that the agency directors already know their approximate allocation.

Brad pointed out that Medicaid rates haven't changed in 10 years although everything else has went up. Director Hall stated that 75 percent of the Recovery Center's clients are opiate addicts now. Tony noted that New Horizons closed the sliding fee schedule to new clients at the end of April. In two months time, 60 people have been turned away but 40 more met the strict criteria and we already have hundreds of clients on the sliding fee schedule. J. Bahnsen added that its not just us, everyone is in this shape. T. Feisel said that without Suboxone the other treatment just doesn't work and it potentially sets people up for overdosing and possibly dying.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-29-10-3

Be it resolved upon motion by T. Feisel and second by Dr. Prior to approve the 2011 budget including the board office budget. Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall discussed the attempts to reduce the OOC expenses. There are two out of county drug and alcohol residential providers that accounted for approximately 1.2 Million dollars. Data from the Municipal Drug Court indicates that the relapse rate for residential without Suboxone is 87 percent. Patti stated that with the OOC Cluster we will see some reductions but it will take a while. Trisha added that we need to educate and support the referral sources. Director Hall stated that we need additional local funding. Director Hall talked about his testimony in front of the Senate Sub-Committee. He added that it was very interesting, being in D.C. Dr. Hoag said it was on C-Span and it was very compelling.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Walker told the board that we were losing two board members. He stated that Sheila Heath couldn't be here tonight but to let her know that he and everyone else will miss her. Director Hall added that Kevin has been on the Board a long time and has been a strong advocate for consumers for all those years. He helped get the consumer group started and many other projects. Chairman Walker presented Kevin with a plaque and gratitude for his years of service.

Chairman Walker stated that the next board meeting would be held on August 3rd at 6:30 and that would cover the July and August meetings. This will also help us miss all the art that will be in our meeting room as there will not be a place to meet until then.

Director Hall reminded board members of the Tour de Cause coming up on 7/17.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 6-29-10-4

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

The Board meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.

Chair

Secretary