

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the August 3, 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, John Hoag, Ph.D., Pat Marshall, Robert Masone, M.D., Phillip Prior, M.D., Eric Walker, Bill Weimer.

## **ABSENT**

Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Gene Eusanio, Tom Feisel.

## **STAFF**

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Nadine Carroll.

## **GUESTS**

Patricia Waits, 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 the new board members to tell a little about themselves

Chairman Walker swore in Dr. Robert Masone and Pat Marshall and welcomed them to the ADAMH Board.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June Board minutes. Correction needed on 6-29-10-1 as B. Weimer was listed as first and second on the motion.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 8-3-10-1**

**Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by T. Alexander that the June Board minutes be approved as corrected. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Don Mohler presented the June financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a good month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$480,964.17), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$27,795.00)), the remainder of the federal allocation from ODADAS (\$247,216.00) and the Childcare/Quality allocation of ODMH (\$31,059.00). 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 (\$200,213.28) continues to be above the normal monthly budgeted amount. With a monthly beginning balance of \$756,421.31, receipts of \$807,000.53, expenses of \$802,570.29, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$760,851.55.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 8-3-10-2**

**Be it resolved upon motion by B. Weimer and second by Dr. Hoag to approve the June financials. Motion was unanimously approved.**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Don explained how Medicaid FFP and match worked. Director Hall noted regarding our cash balance that we are solvent but not comfortable and should be ok through this calendar year but after that, we don't know. He discussed two line items 408 we have to pay for state services and we don't control the gate. Medicaid is an entitlement program that we have no control over. Anyone with a Medicaid card can present anywhere and we have to pay for it regardless. This has reduced our ability to pay for non-Medicaid services. Director Hall also discussed the Medicaid expenditure sheet. In FY '10 \$3.5 million was spent in county and \$2.2 million was spent out of county. First time in the history of the Board spent so much for drug and alcohol residential service. Services for only 46 people cost an average of \$23,000 each that is a very expensive service that has a relapse rate of at least 80-82%. Neither provider offers medication assisted therapy so people come back and relapse but we have no control over it. Dr. Masone asked if anyone can go anywhere in Ohio for services? He added that it is also a setup for relapse because there is no follow up services once they leave. If we had residential services here we could help people here and prevent that high relapse rate. Trisha said that they are working towards residential but housing is a big issue. Currently the Recovery Center is turning down 200 people a month because of not enough capacity. Director Hall stated that we have been working on that and Dr. Prior has been educating people on the need for it also. However, because of out of county we don't have enough resources to build capacity.

We have to have a certain amount of funds to draw down Medicaid. Historically the match rate is around 40 percent. With stimulus funding our required match is 26 percent. During the last half of this fiscal year the required match will gradually increase. Next year the required match will revert back to pre-stimulus funding levels. Board staff project there will be insufficient state revenues to match addiction Medicaid claims. We will need to draft a letter to ODADAS stating that additional match is required. Our financial status should be stable until stimulus funding is eliminated. T. Alexander asked what the downside of this is. Director Hall said the state could refuse assistance. Brad noted that the Board could be sued for not paying Medicaid match. Dr. Prior wondered why asking assistance of the state would be controversial. Dr. Hoag asked if we could solicit an opinion from the Attorney General's office. Chairman Walker said the Attorney General's office has an opinion department that any citizen can get an opinion from. Dr. Masone wondered if it says anywhere that out of county Medicaid is a priority and has to be paid first.

Director Hall stated that they can sue because we would not be fulfilling our Medicaid contract. However, the state is the ultimate grantor of match.

Director Hall talked about the Opiate Task Force (OTF) and how Service Master brought in the Clean Machine, their hospitality suite for NASCAR races and used for emergencies as a mobile command center, for the Artwalk and it was a big hit. The Eagle Gazette allowed the OTF to use their parking lot. An estimated 500 people went through the display area. There were two large video screens. One played the 10 minute version of Hooked DVD and the other had a slideshow of Tour de Cause. Director Hall showed board members the O2H logo for the Opiate Task Force designed by Martin Barker.

Nadine informed Board members that we had another successful Artwalk although attendance might have been down slightly due to the heat.

Director Hall stated that we are considering a levy campaign for next year. We need to discuss this issue at greater length.

Chairman Walker stated that the next meeting is September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8-3-10-3**

**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 @ 7:40 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary