

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the August 25, 2009, 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

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

ABSENT

John Peden, Marian Reitano.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Tom Alexander, Joe Giessler, Suzanne Pelletier-Walker, Don Stegman, Tony Motta, Trisha Saunders, Brad Hedges, Patricia Waits.

Chairman Walker asked the guests to introduce themselves and if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 23rd Board minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25-09-1

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and second by G. Eusanio that the June Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the financial highlights for June. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a poor month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$294,157.81), a one time allocation from ODMH for Safety Net Funds (\$66,259.00), and the 2nd half of the FY'09 allocation of the Fairfield Family, Adult and Children First Council (\$55,372.50). 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 Jobs and Family Services for placement costs for the Family Drug Court Grant (\$189,149.00), the Fairfield County Probate Court for the Jul.-Dec.'09 salary and benefits for a Drug Court Counselor (\$39,666.17), and the Fairfield County Municipal Court For the Apr.'09 salary and benefits for the Drug Court Counselor and Probation Officer. With a monthly beginning balance of \$1,067,484.44, receipts of \$460,751.86, expenses of \$1,006,549.34, leaves a month and year ending cash balance of \$521,686.96. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the approval of the State of Ohio's SFY2010-2011 Budget, the July 2009 financials were not able to be completed prior to the August Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25-09-2

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Out of County – Patricia Waits stated she would be reporting each month. She distributed charts showing the budget for each OOC area (adult and child) and a chart that compared monthly expenses to budget. She reported that she went to Step by Step to tour their facilities. She stated that there were two buildings one for Scholarship children and one for Medicaid children although the same services were provided in each. She added that they have a weird way of billing. She said they provide one on one educational services but they are not providing mental health case management services and they are not certified teachers. The teachers come from various backgrounds with bachelor's degrees. The crux of the issues is that they are billing for mental health case management when they are actually providing the same educational services as in the other building. Patricia also recommended getting the adult OOC cluster operational and that she and Becky are working on it. K. West asked why people go out of county for services. Patricia stated that it varies as everyone's situation is different. Some people go out of county because they cannot get the service they want here and for others it is just preference. Director Hall noted that our county is located close to 70 percent of unbundled AoD services in the state and AoD residential services are not provided here and they are close. Director Hall added that at the beginning of the year our projected OOC liability was \$2.5 million but by the end of the year actual OOC billings were approximately \$1.7 million. In 2008, Step by Steps billings were \$400,000 but they could be holding claims. This year, so far it is \$148,000 which is better than we expected but not as good as we would like. Dr. Prior asked if Step by Step was billing less or if they had fewer patients. Director Hall stated that it was both reasons and that they are not prompt on their billings. They have more pressure on them from ODMH and other central Ohio boards and also Rhonda doing the audit.

Contract –Chairman Walker reported on the contract negotiation meeting with New Horizons. Chairman Walker, Director Hall and C. Bender met with New Horizons re bed days. The 50/50 split was discussed and Director Hall and Tony Motta are still working on it. Director Hall added that Tony has disagreed with him for the last 10 years over New Horizons being at risk of the payback. It was finally decided to meet and discuss this issue. It was decided not to hold New Horizons responsible but to escrow the funds (\$150,000) to cover bed day liability. This is especially important because of the chaotic environment with FMC possibly closing the unit on Sixth Floor, service dollars being reduced and the change in hospitals from Columbus to Athens. Athens tends to hang on to clients longer than we like so looking into more gate keeping. Director Hall told board members that the net of all of this is to remove the clause form New Horizon's contract regarding sharing the expense with New Horizons and instead escrowing the \$150,000. J. Bahnsen asked why Athens is different. Tony replied that they have better treatment, a nice facility, good people but there are some communication issues which could be just because of the transition to a different facility. Director Hall added that Athens is good and so is TVBH but they are more like a MASH unit than Athens. This makes their average bed day length look artificially short. Central Ohio also has other psychiatric hospitals while Southeastern Ohio does not.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25-09-3

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Bahnsen and second by T. Feisel to eliminate the risk clause n New Horizon's contract. Motion was unanimously approved.

SEOLS (Legal Aid) – Rhonda reported on a presentation from the CHC committee from two representatives from Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. They are interested in embarking on a medical/legal partnership. SEOLS would come into an agency on a regular basis to help clients with issues such as housing, Social Security, etc. This is free and would be of benefit to our system. This medical/legal partnership is usually done in clinics so this might be a first in the nation. We are hoping to see improved outcomes from the extra support. K. West stated that clients need a lot of help with these types of issues. Rhonda noted that it would save case managers time because they usually do this type of work for the client.

Drug Court – Director Hall stated that this has been a real journey and that we have learned a lot. He stated that the grants are almost done. We are in the data collection phase prior to evaluating it and the data is staggering. There are people that have been in court 50 times and most addicts have been through about five to seven times. This has caused huge increases in the court's budget. He noted that they are looking at a Day Reporting Center in PA and WV as it can affect the incarceration rate by 50 percent which equals about \$3 million here. We can intervene and save a lot of dollars for the county. Dr. Prior added that the VA has been trying to liaison with the courts to let veterans know there are a lot of services available to them and most of them don't even know it. Director Hall added that the video might be ready to preview next month and it includes interviews with law enforcement, addicts, people in recovery, the mother of a deceased addict, a pharmacist from OSU and Dr. Prior.

Budget Reductions – A spreadsheet was distributed to board members detailing reductions in agency and board office allocations. In FY 2009 line item 505 was \$819,000 and this year it is zero. We lost \$400,000 in line item 408 which is used to support persons with severe mental illness and our out of county costs have been increasing. It is a “perfect storm” scenario with an increase in expenses we have no control over and a reduction in revenues. A big part of our budget is Medicaid and there are two parts to that, the Federal portion (historically about 62 percent) and the local “match” funds (historically about 38 percent). The only good news is that the Federal government is increasing their percent of Medicaid (FMAP) but only until the end of calendar year 2010.

Changes from FY 2009 funding levels to FY 2010 are:

The Board office budget decreased from \$559,735 to \$451,054, a decrease of \$108,681.

New Horizons decreased from \$3,567,179 to \$3,081,894, a decrease of \$485,285

Mid-Ohio increased (due to FMAP) from \$1,418,657 to \$1,511,134, an increase of \$92,477

Lighthouse decreased from \$251,139 to \$220,244, a decrease of \$30,895

The Recovery Center decreased from \$1,314,132 to \$1,120,385, a decrease of \$193,747.

Total contract allocations are \$6,551,107

Non allocation costs were also discussed including Patti's salary through the Council, New Horizons home based services, I&R now providing front end crisis services, covering the audits costs for the agencies, and NetSmart University.

S. Heath expressed concern about using FY 2009 budget numbers instead of actual expenses. Director Halls stated that we expect more cuts to our allocations and these numbers are being used to get contracts signed although there will be changes later as more solid numbers are received from the state but we are close and heading in the right direction. Director Hall indicated that we need to retrench our organizations so the sooner we get started the better and the longer we wait the bigger and more difficult the cuts. Currently we have an overall \$1.5 million reduction in our budget. He added that he has met with the agency directors last Friday and yesterday to work on these reductions but they are

just all estimates at this point. Tony stated that he hoped to have an allocation tonight even if it is an estimate because we are already two months into the fiscal year. Trisha stated that she agreed completely, they don't want to make any more cuts than they have to. Director Hall further noted that the state's mental health and AoD system have already taken disproportionate cuts so hopefully the next round of cuts will be lighter.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25-09-4

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by T. Feisel to accept the 2010 budget reductions/recommendations. Motion was approved. S. Heath, nay.

PR Update – Nadine reported that we had a wonderful turnout for the Artwalk on July 24th. We had 112 pieces of art which was down from 169 in 2008, however, we were pleased to be able to have Lighthouse's Survivor's of Domestic Violence T-shirt display. There were many positive comments on this new display. There were approximately between 5,000 and 7,000 people downtown for Artwalk. We had several new artists this year and voting results were more evenly distributed than prior years possibly due to making I&R's office the "showcase" with at least a couple of all the artist's work instead of just one or two artists. Congratulations to Lisa Schorr who once again took the top spot with her watercolor painting of the Fountain. The Fairfield County fair is coming up in October and our booth will need volunteers to staff it so if anyone is interested, please contact Nadine.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 8-25-09-5

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Bahnsen and second by Dr. Miller to adjourn the board meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary