

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the September 22, 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 6:30 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Tom Feisel, Larry Miller, Ph.D., Phillip Prior, M.D., Marian Reitano, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Gene Eusanio, Sheila Heath, John Peden.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Lou Varga, Patricia Waits, Trisha Saunders, Esther Branscome, Tony Motta.

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 August Board minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-09-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Miller and second by T. Feisel that the August Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler distributed revised June financials. He explained that he updated the budget amounts but that the expenses were unchanged.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-09-2

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

Don Mohler presented the July financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a good month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$281,588.93), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money \$168,719.80), FY'09 Federal Per Capita (\$143,693), FY'09 Federal Women's Grant (\$50,953), FY'09 TANF (\$37,549), FY'09 FAST\$ (\$26,600), FY'10 ODADAS allocation (\$99,326) and FY'10 ODMH allocation (\$129,417). 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 Municipal Court for the May-June'09 salary and benefits for the Drug Court Counselor and Probation Officer (\$16,000) and April-June'09 drug testing (\$14,000). With a monthly beginning balance of \$521,686.96, receipts of \$956,563.34, expenses of \$944,492.31, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$533,757.99.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-09-3

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Bahnsen and second by T. Feisel to approve the July financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the August financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a mediocre month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$112,485.99), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA – Federal Stimulus Money (\$15,398.87), FY'09 Title XX (\$17,555.00) and FY'10 ODMH allocation (\$280,886). On the expense summary page, the Board had an average month for expenditures. In addition to the “normal” expenditures for our contract agencies, the Board paid the Franklin County ADAMH Board for the FY'10 supportive employment (\$50,000), New Horizons for the Early Childhood MH Consultation Grant (\$33,359), The Lighthouse for FY'09 units of CSPI not billed (\$30,032.64) and New Horizons for Medicare to Medicaid crossover (\$37,325.23). With a monthly beginning balance of \$533,757.99, receipts of \$431,979.85, expenses of \$904,469.42, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$61,268.42. The levy proceeds were not posted to the Board's accounts in the month of August. It will be posted in the month of September.

Director Hall explained that reporting requirements are onerous for the stimulus funds but we are thankful that we have them. Most of those stimulus funds are being used as Medicaid match relief, FMAP. This amount depends on the amount of the agency's Medicaid bill. These funds will go away in December 2010 which will create an \$800,000 hole in our budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-09-4

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Prior and second by K. West to approve the August financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patricia Waits presented the Out of County summary expense report. She stated that these budgeted amounts are based on last years expenses and that right now OOC Medicaid expenses are running about half, about what we had two years ago. Our two biggest liabilities are school based so summer is a lighter expense time. If this trend holds, that will be good news. Director Hall stated that Patricia is pulling together the Out of County cluster which will also help manage expenses.

Director Hall introduced Lou Varga. We are contracting with Lou to produce a video documenting the opiate epidemic in Fairfield County. The cost of this video is being covered by Reckitt-Benckiser, the makers of Suboxone. Lou stated that he has learned a lot and had his eyes opened while interviewing 20 different individuals for this video. He added that the community does not understand the scope of this problem. He has been to drug court numerous times, spoken to addicts, and a mother who lost her son. There are many layers to this issue. He said that Eric Brown is on the video saying that Columbus is now a source city for the entire eastern seaboard. Dr. DeCoste in the ER believes that doctors are one of the main causes of this. She uses the OARS system to track drug usage. All they need is the DEA number to access information on a person and their drugs.

There is one person with seven pages of providers. M Reitano asked why it was happening here. Lou said that it is our proximity to Columbus.

Dr. Prior stated that it is a problem everywhere. Nationwide there were 22,000 overdose deaths. As recently as 2002 oxycontin was being advertised as non-addictive then the pharmaceutical executives finally admitted they had been misleading the doctors. He also talked about Partners Against Pain, a group that puts pressure on doctors to prescribe narcotics.

Director Hall stated that there is an in-service scheduled for doctors at FMC on November 5th followed by a summit of community leaders to develop a county-wide plan to deal with this epidemic. E. Walker asked about the drug courts input on this. Also, what are the outcomes and success rate? Director Hall said that we are currently completing program evaluations on both drugs courts and that definitive answers should be available soon. He added that we are also discussing the feasibility of a day reporting center which would operate in much the same way as drug court.

Director Hall discussed the budget update. He stated that at the last meeting it was voted to reduce budgets including the board office budget. We are laying off enrollment/administrative specialist, Diane Starner. Nadine will assume Diane's financial support functions.

Director Hall talked about our statewide Board Association and their postcard campaign. The Association is asking boards, agencies and constituents to send the governor and state representatives, postcards to stress the importance of getting behavioral health funding reinstated. If everyone could send three, we could make a major impact.

Nadine Carroll updated the board on public relations issues. She said that the Fairfield County fair is coming up and once again the board will have a booth in the Art Hall. If anyone would like to volunteer to help staff it, please let her know.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 9-22-09-4

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.

Chair

Secretary