

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the December 6, 2011, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Chairman Bahnsen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with no quorum being present.

SWEARING IN

John Snider swore in Caryl Caito and Jeff Gerken and Chairman Bahnsen welcomed them to the Board.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jay Bahnsen, Cindy Bender, Caryl Caito, John Hoag, Ph.D.*, Jeff Gerken, Pat Marshall, Robert Masone, M.D., Sheri Perry, Phillip Prior, M.D., Marian Reitano.

ABSENT

Tom Alexander, Tom Feisel.

STAFF

Rhonda Myers, Martha Pool, Lynn Porter, Don Mohler, Patricia Waits, Nadine Carroll.

GUESTS

John Snider, Tony Motta, Steve Gahn, Esther Branscome, Brad Hedges.

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

Director Myers told the board that board policy requires an annual review and signing of ethics laws so John is going to review those ethics laws tonight.

John Snider told board members that the first year in law school is the most important because it teaches how to recognize a problem. He stated he wanted to focus tonight on issue identification. He stated that the Ohio Ethics Commission governs board members, employees and public officials, either hired or appointed.

Chairman Bahnsen asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October Board minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-6-11-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Hoag and second by P. Marshall to approve the October minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee –Dr. Masone presented a brief overview of the October financials. He stated that income was down, expenses were up, and bed days were under.

Director Myers followed up on the retaining wall issue at the Center of Hope. She said that it appears there was no damage found from the retaining wall and the plastic option is still to be

reviewed. She called the last company who did an asbestos survey and removal in regards to any potential remaining asbestos/hazardous materials. There is a new company owner who indicated a newer survey was needed due to environmental rule changes. He offered to do the new survey for free. Any required removal will be at the expense of the Board. A contractor and realtor can then be contacted to determine whether it is better to tear down the house or sell it.

Don reviewed the changes that were made to the financials. He has added two columns to the far right side and middle to help show where the dollars are coming. He also added two new rows – ODMH and ODADAS Medicaid. The revenue almost equaled expenses in October.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-6-11-2

Be it resolved upon motion and second by the Finance Committee to approve the October financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Myers introduced Martha Pool and stated Board staff is very pleased for Martha to have joined the Board staff. She was chosen out of 47 applicants for the Research and Administrative Assistant position. Martha will fulfill the half-time grant funded data position required by the SPF-SIG grant and also fulfill a half-time administrative assistant position.

Patricia discussed the Re-Entry grant from ODMH and ODH. This grant is designed to help persons with severe and persistent mental illness released from prison by assisting them getting counseling and other services. This is a time limited grant. She is working with the Reentry Coordinator getting folks on Medicaid. She noted that we received \$25,000 in grant funding instead of the \$60,000 that was requested so there is a big reduction in the number of people we can help. She explained that the Re-Entry coordinator goes into the prison to work with them so they are ready when they come out. Chairman Bahnsen asked what if they don't get help. Patricia said that they will probably end up right back in prison because when they are released they only give them enough meds for a week and they show up at the Consumer Group needing meds. Director Myers pointed out that it was stipulated in the grant that these funds were for people that were Fairfield County residents at the time of their crime who plan to return to Fairfield County. She added that this is a community partnership.

Director Myers updated the board on the Opiate Task Force. At the last meeting the OTF discussed wanting and needing a more formal structure as it grows. It was decided that since the ADAMH Board is mandated to provide for drug and alcohol services in the county and since Orman started the OTF it was decided to make the ADAMH Board Executive Director the chair of the group and they are to report back to the ADAMH Board on OTF's activities.

Director Myers reported on a meeting with ODMH and ODADAS to discuss the funding formula. There is already a formula in place and everyone is interested in helping their own community. ODADAS is developing principles and looking at prevalence. They are also anticipating reductions in funds but they don't know how much yet. ODMH is anticipating an extra \$10.6 million (see graph in Issues and Updates) but rather than distributing it on a per capita basis they are proposing a regional distribution based on hospital area. On a conference call this morning we discussed 5 helpful services for our hospital region, they are permanent housing; transitional 16 bed housing "step down"; crisis stabilization unit as an alternative to a hospital; mental health waiver (shared with DD); psychiatric capacity – there aren't enough doctors, especially psychiatrists, and they discussed contracting with doctors or maybe teleconferencing. Lynn said she thinks the regional

distribution is an excellent concept although our area is large and there are a lot of different needs. Director Myers added that next Monday there will be a statewide conference call to discuss regional projects. With \$1.3 –1.5 million dollars we could create alternative service arrangements. We are trying to be flexible. The funding for ODMH has increased, decreased for ODADAS and levy has remained pretty even.

Director Myers updated the Board on the latest plans for the Medicaid elevation in July 2012. It was suggested that Medicaid claims come to the Board which sends them to the state but the payments would go directly to the providers from the state, not through the Boards. Non-Medicaid services would still be paid by the Boards. This would help us maintain access to the Medicaid and non-Medicaid data. P. Marshall asked how that would affect the staff's workload. Director Myers said we'll have to wait and see what the actual transition and changes will be like before we know for sure.

Director Myers told the Board it is time to work on policies again so we will need an ad hoc policy committee for a few months to review policies. We would like to start in January if possible. S. Perry volunteered and J. Gerken did also although he will be gone the last two weeks in January. C. Caito volunteered and T. Feisel was nominated to round out the committee.

Director Myers said with 2013 funding coming up we need to get the 120 day notices out. We are working on needs assessments and we also need to get in a board training before the end of this fiscal year. She said that after discussing with staff, it might be helpful to have one on one presentations to gain a better understanding of the agencies along with descriptions of services. This helps us prepare for contracting also. Director Myers asked if it would be preferable to have the board meeting first and the presentations after. M. Reitano, C. Caito, P. Marshall and Dr. Hoag all preferred to have the board meeting first with orientation after. Director Myers said each agency would have 30 minutes. She asked about other dates for the board meeting possibly the 17th or 31st. She said she would survey about these dates and find out what most people wanted.

M. Reitano told the Board that the Operation Street Smart was wonderful and everyone needs to attend this. There should be another one in late spring.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 12-6-11-3

Be it resolved, upon motion by Dr. Prior and seconded by Dr. Masone to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chair

Secretary