

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the March 22, 2005, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Chairman Banville called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum being present.

## **ROLL CALL PRESENT**

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., Becky Edwards, Sheila Heath, Carol Sullivan, Judy Thomas, Kevin West, Jerry Woodgeard.

## **ABSENT**

David Brookover, Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy, David Oehlers, Marian Reitano, Hollie Saunders, Bill Weimer.

## **STAFF**

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Marcy Peebles-Fields, Nadine Carroll.

## **GUESTS**

Christine Brown, Steven Cooley, Sharon Starner, Judy Hancock, Rawnica Wilson, Veronica Marcum, Joe Ruscigno, Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Marc Grodner.

Chairman Banville asked if there were additions or corrections to the February minutes.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-05-1**

**Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and seconded by B. Edwards that the February minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.**

## **Executive Committee**

Don presented the February financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had another poor month for receipts. The Board received Medicaid FFP from both ODMH and ODADAS. The Board also received half of the FY'05 FAST \$ Block Grant in the amount of \$17,733.00. On the expense summary page, the Board had the "usual" expenses with a few exceptions. The Board Administration line is significantly larger than normal due to increased spending in the public relations area. This spending is laying the groundwork for the anticipated fall levy campaign. For whatever reason, the Out-Of-County expenditures are only half of what they have been in the past months. The Board also paid the 2d and 3d quarter allocation to "Cluster" in the amount of \$36,146.60. The Board also reimbursed FMHCG \$15,863.36 for the cost of furnishings and equipment for the "Our Place II". These funds came from the \$60,000.00 grant from NAMI of Ohio. With a beginning balance of \$526,738.14, receipts of \$93,848.03, expenditures of \$516,631.01 that leaves an ending cash balance of \$103,955.16.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-05-2**

**Be it resolved upon motion and second by the Executive Committee that the February financials be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Chairman Banville said the Executive Committee reviewed the Board office budget and recommended it for approval. He then asked Don to review it for the Board.

Don noted that there was very little if any changes to most of the budget except for salary, public relations and equipment line items. He explained that there is a three-percent raise budgeted for staff and relative increases in associated line items. The equipment budget has been increased to cover the cost of equipment and software upgrades. The change in the public relations line item reflects the pre-levy awareness campaign. The actual levy expenses will be paid for out of the Friends of ADAMH account. Director Hall added that there would be more information provided on the awareness campaign. He added that they hoped to do a three-percent salary increase because it has been two years since the last increase. Chairman Banville pointed out that this salary increase is very important and modest. This covers a span of three years and we need to do this.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-05-3**

**Be it resolved upon motion and second by the Executive Committee that the FY '06 Board Office Budget be approved financials. Motion was unanimously approved.**

Christine Brown and Steven Cooley from Brown-Cooley, Associates in Self-Determination, presented their ideas to the Board. They discussed the importance of supporting clients and helping them to live by themselves including working and learning how to vote.

Joe Ruscigno of the Winning Professionals gave the Board an update on the awareness campaign. He talked about the May 7<sup>th</sup> kick-off at New Horizons. There will be a "celebrity" softball game between the ADAMH system and elected officials, a cruise in and WLOH will be broadcasting live. Posters and flyers about the event will be distributed. We want to have as many people as possible there. He discussed the posters that will talk about teen suicide and how the 10 August billboards will carry that theme through. Once the awareness campaign is over we'll switch to telling the public what we need. Joe added that the statewide nonprofit organization Mental Health Matters is donating \$2,500 in printed materials and will be donating \$5,000 in October. He added that they have cut costs, without hurting anything, in the awareness campaign so it will come in under \$20,000.

Director Hall commented that teen depression/suicide is a powerful issue and New Horizons is working with the Pickerington School district to address this issue. Tony Motta explained that they will be implementing the Columbia Teen Screen program in Pickerington Schools using a brief screening instrument. They are currently looking for funding for this project so it can start in the fall at two junior high and two senior high schools. One full-time mental health professional will be needed in the district to work with the positive screens. Director Hall stated that Tony is asking for \$30,000 from the Fairfield County Foundation. They are asking for some funds from ODMH and maybe \$5,000 from the ADAMH Board. He added that Tony is willing to do this as an ADAMH initiative so it dovetails with the awareness campaign. Marc Grodner stated that if we want to up the profile, the Recovery Center could do an adjunct since they have staff trained in Red Flags.

Joe discussed the April 11<sup>th</sup> fundraiser. Betty Montgomery, State Auditor will be there. Cost is \$50 per person, \$75 per couple. There are 10 host committee member that contributed \$250 each so funds are being raised.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hall reported that the respite project is behind since we now have to go through another zoning process. He added that we hope we can bring it in this fiscal year. He said that Janet Galligan will be working with them directly. The permit cost is \$1,000.

Director Hall gave an update on the county's financial situation. He noted that this was the driving force behind the recommendation to withdraw from the ballot. He hopes that things will have calmed down by November. He added that there is tentative word from both state departments that slight increases might be coming. If that happens, the money could be used to fill gaps.

Marcy presented the 408 report. She said that we continue to be under on bed days. The good news is that we probably won't have a payback. The bad news is that we have limited access to the state hospital. Discussion with the collaborative will cover possibly using Athens instead of Columbus. It is easier to get people in but harder to get them out which could increase bed day usage. Athens has less people than we do and has used 4000 bed days. It is also a longer drive. Director Hall said that it could be a huge financial risk and would not be in our best financial interest. Marcy said the collaborative supports our decision. S. Heath asked if there was any middle ground. Director Hall said there was no middle ground but we have gotten a few bed days from Athens and we might be able to work something out with them but we will have to be careful.

Chairman Banville told the Board he was happy to be back and thanked them for the cards that were sent. He explained that he ended up having to have a quadruple bypass although all of his vitals were perfect.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3-22-05-4**

**Be it resolved, upon motion by C. Sullivan and seconded by S. Heath to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.**

The Board meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary