

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the May 24, 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 6:45 p.m. without a quorum being present.

## **ROLL CALL PRESENT**

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., John Murphy, David Oehlers, Marian Reitano, Judy Thomas, Jerry Woodgeard.

## **ABSENT**

David Brookover, Becky Edwards, Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., Hollie Saunders, Carol Sullivan, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

## **STAFF**

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Nadine Carroll.

## **GUESTS**

Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Don Stegman.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Hall reported on the May 7<sup>th</sup> awareness event held at New Horizons. This event was built around an existing cruise-in and was a rousing success with approximately 1500 attending. Ken Blackwell, State Attorney General, attended and talked to the crowd. Winning Professional associates affixed 700 bumper stickers and overall 40 volunteers helped at this event. Director Hall added that we are currently working on a similar event in the Pickerington area probably in mid-August. Optimistically we can pull another event together and get out a lot of product in the Pickerington area. He reminded board members that in the last election we gained ground in Lancaster but lost ground in Pickerington. J. Woodgeard suggested using the old Big Bear lot on 256 just off Refugee Road. Director Hall added that we are also working on having a presence at as many local festivals, parades and other events as possible. Jim Fields has a convertible that we can use in parades and we are getting door magnets made for that purpose. J. Woodgeard added that he has a convertible that we could use if he is not already using it.

\* Marion arrived 6:45 p.m.

Marion agreed that the Big Bear parking lot would be perfect but she didn't know if it was available or not. NOTE: This is Jerry's one good idea for the year!

Tony Motta told the board that he has heard numerous positive things from a lot of people. D. Alexinas said he has seen some of the bumper stickers around.

Director Hall told the board that we are still well under on projected bed days. He said that he has a conference call scheduled with other ADAMH Board directors in the Central Ohio area to develop a position with ODMH regarding bed days. He recommends staying at the same level. He will have more detailed information at the June meeting.

Director Hall talked about the article in the Columbus Dispatch on the Mental Health Court. He explained that it has been very successful so far and Judge Harris is doing a really good job. He added that they have also been wearing our t-shirts on Wednesdays, mental health court day and the agencies and board staff are wearing them on Fridays. He stated that he was gratified to see outside agencies supporting our system.

Don Mohler presented the April financial report. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a rather good month for receipts. The Board received Medicaid FFP from both ODMH and ODADAS. The Board also received the large local levy amount of \$202,070.55 and the third quarter federal portion of the ODADAS allocation. On the expense summary page, the Board had the "usual" expenses with the exception of paying for the dislocation of two renters from the "Our Place II" complex. These expenses are part of the amount on the "Other" row. With a beginning balance of \$582,377.39, receipts of \$638,720.07, expenditures of \$682,254.00 leaving an ending cash balance of \$538,843.46.

Don reported that there were three agencies with audit findings. Corrective action plans have been completed to address those findings. Mid-Ohio and the Recovery Center are looking at additional software and FMHCG is reallocating personnel. All of these agencies corrective action plans should meet the auditor's requirements.

Chairman Banville reported on the Nominating and Evaluation Committee. He said the committee reviewed the Board Association's evaluation instrument and they modified it slightly to fit our needs. He would like to provide every Board member with an opportunity to evaluate the Executive Director. The nominating committee's proposed slate of officers is: Sheila Heath as Chair, Dave Oehlers as Vice-Chair and Dave Alexinas as Secretary. He asked if there were any other nominations. There were none at this time. He said that the slate would be voted on at the June meeting, as there was not a quorum tonight. He added that there was no pressing business tonight.

Chairman Banville said that we need an ad hoc committee to look at the reallocation funds so he is appointing the new slate of officers and himself to that committee. M. Reitano asked about officers stepping up into the Chair's position. Chairman Banville stated that stepping up is the normal procedure but the current secretary, Becky Edwards is resigning in June and that requires two new officers.

\*\*D. Oehlers arrived 7:00 p.m.

Director Hall noted that committee chairs usually work through the progression. The new chair assigns committee chairs. The committee chairs and the officers constitute the Executive Committee.

J. Woodgeard raised the issue of attendance at board meetings stating that it has been a problem since he has been back on the board. Director Hall stated that it has been a problem with a couple of board members and needs to be addressed. A discussion of attendance policies followed. J. Woodgeard suggested that Board members be called on the Friday before the board meeting and that the new slate of officers look at this issue. He also pointed out that all we need to do is send a letter to the appointing authorities because they are the ones that need to remove board members.

He also suggested putting a copy of the policy and statute in the board packet next month. M. Reitano pointed out that being busy is no excuse because everyone is busy.

Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary