

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the July 26, 2005, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Chairman Heath called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy, David Oehlers, Judy Thomas, Kevin West, Jerry Woodgeard.

ABSENT

David Brookover, Marian Reitano, Carol Sullivan, Bill Weimer.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Marc Grodner, Janet Galligan, Patti Waits, Sharon Mongold, Angie Wolfe, Danalee Ogg, Daniel Fruth, Brad Hedges.

Chairman Heath told the Board that the Executive Director's annual review was discussed with him and they asked Director Hall to prepare some goals which he has done.

Chairman Heath stated that there will not be a regular board meeting in August but there will be an Executive Committee meeting at the regular time.

Chairman Heath informed the board that Janet Galligan will be leaving our system to take another position. Janet explained that her last day is August 12th and she will be moving on to Ohio Advocates for Mental Health. Her new position will be as Director of that agency. Doug Devoe will stay on as CEO. J. Thomas commented that there were high hopes for the consumer group when it all started but without Janet and her LISW to be there and direct the program, it might not have worked. Director Hall stated that FMHCG is widely recognized as one of the best consumer groups in the state. He added that he and Janet have not always agreed on everything but we owe her a debt of gratitude. He told board members that there would be a brief reception following the board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-1

Be it resolved upon motion by D. Alexinas and second by J. Thomas that Janet Galligan's efforts on behalf of our system be acknowledged. Motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Committee

Chairman Heath noted that the June financials will be deferred to the August Executive Committee meeting because Don was busy preparing information and working with more auditors from ODJFS. Director Hall noted that Don did a great job working on these audits.

Chairman Heath asked board members to review the ballot language so it can be voted on. It needs to be to the Board of Elections by August 25th. Director Hall explained that with the nine percent increase we had last fall we wanted to keep similar ballot language. This ballot language has already been approved by the Secretary of State's office. D. Alexinas recommended capitalizing "replacement tax". D Oehlers added that this lev6 has other things going for it including the fact that it is a replacement and not a new tax and that it is only .75 mils instead of 1 mil.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-2

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by D. Oehlers that the following ballot language be approved including capitalizing "replacement tax". "A REPLACEMENT tax for the benefit of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board for the purpose of COUNSELING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF SUICIDE, FAMILY VIOLENCE, SEVERE DEPRESSION AND OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS at a rate not exceeding seventy-five tenths (0.75) of one mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to seven and one-half cents (\$0.075) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten (10) years. Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-3

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by D. Oehlers that the approved ballot language be forwarded to the Fairfield County Commissioners with a request to place it on the November 2005 ballot. Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall stated that he and Don met with Mid-Ohio's management to address their contract concerns regarding their bad debt reimbursement request for FY '05. Don explained that Mid-Ohio requested \$13,225 in bad debt reimbursement for FY '05. The Executive Committee agrees in principle but wants verification from independent auditors.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-4

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and second by J. Thomas to approve payment to Mid-Ohio of at least \$13,225 in bad debt allowance subject to verification by Jones, Cochenour. Motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-5

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and second by J. Thomas to approve Mid-Ohio's FY 2006 allocation of \$1,080,525 with an additional \$10,000 for other services pending review by the Executive Committee at the August meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall updated board members on awareness activities including an online calendar that can be accessed at www.fair-mh.org. He hopes that as many people as possible can show support by

attending these events while wearing the mental health matters tee-shirt. He also discussed coverage over the 4th of July holidays stating that we are beginning to have an impact on awareness. We had people in the Sugar Grove, Lancaster and Pickerington parades and at the cruise-in and fireworks. He stated that there were people in other parts of the parade that had our shirt on including Jerry Woodgeard. We are now trying to hit Lancaster festival events and events in Pickerington and other locations around the county. Bumper stickers are becoming more noticeable along with the shirts and wristbands. He stated he is pleased with the efforts of the agencies. He added that there is now a billboard with the “more than 1,000 teens” message up and an ad in the coupon paper. He said that the coupon and billboard hit at the same time and we have received calls from ODH, Franklin County ADAMH and other citizens requesting survey information. The new date for the Pickerington cruise-in is October 2nd and we have a better location now—the corner of 256 & Refugee Road. This is a high profile event in the middle of our levy campaign. J. Woodgeard commented that quite a few people came and thanked him for wearing our shirt during the parade.

Director Hall told board members that we ended the year with 544 bed days so we have no payback.

K. West suggested putting a plaque on Our Place recognizing Janet Galligan. Everyone thought that was a good idea.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-6

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and seconded by J. Thomas that a plaque be put on Our Place recognizing Janet Galligan’s efforts on behalf of the agency. Motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 7-26-05-7

Be it resolved, upon motion by K. West and seconded by J. Woodgeard to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board meeting adjourned @ 6:55 p.m.

Chair

Secretary