

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the September 27, 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 6:30 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy*, David Oehlers, Marian Reitano**, Carol Sullivan***, Judy Thomas, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Dave Alexinas, Jerry Woodgeard.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Marc Grodner, Danalee Ogg, John Snider, Barb Freeman, Kevin Combs.

John Snider swore in Eric Walker and Chairman Heath welcomed him to the Board.
Chairman Heath read David Brookover's letter of resignation to the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-27-05-1

Be it resolved upon motion by D. Oehlers and second by B. Weimer that the July Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Committee

Don Mohler presented the August financials. 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 first quarter allocation from ODMH (\$639,006) and the remainder of the FY'05 Title XX allocation (\$56,372.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had the "usual" expenses with the exceptions: 1. Paying the Fairfield Medical Center for the FY'05 Observation Beds in the amount of \$40,150.00 and 2. The Recovery Center submitting claims through the MACSIS system to reduce the prepaid amount to zero. With a beginning balance of \$275,833.42, receipts of \$939,409.86, expenditures of \$673,844.82 leaving an ending cash balance of \$541,398.46. Don pointed out that the financials have been abbreviated and if anyone has any questions to please call him. Chairman Heath stated that Don was asked to reduce the pages of the financials but not the amount of information.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-27-05-2

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Banville and second by Dr. Miller to approve the August financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall introduced Barbara Freeman and thanked her for her volunteer work and her attendance tonight.

Marc Grodner told the board that thanks to Orman's foresight and leadership in putting together a team that attended drug court trainings in Toledo, Kansas City, MO, and New York, we received a \$450,000 (over 3 years) Drug Court grant from the Justice System. This grant does require a 25 percent match. This grant will fund a program that helps people regain their sobriety, retain or regain custody of their children, promotes integration of the child welfare system, the court system and the treatment system. There are three phases that take a minimum of one year to complete. This is program that has been very successful all around the country. There were 400 applicants and only 40 grants awarded.

* J. Murphy arrived 6:40 p.m.

Director Hall explained that the Board is in the final stages in applying for Safety Net funding. If this grant is successful it will help restore some funding to our system. Marc said that this would help probably 40-50 families but the need is much higher than that. Other possible funding sources were discussed. John Snider reminded the board of the IDATF funds which are funds from the traffic court. Marcy added that the Mental Health court is running without any additional funds. Orman stated that we have two excellent judges with mental health concerns which puts Fairfield County way ahead of the larger counties and light years ahead of counties our size. He added that Judges Behrens and Martin are also very supportive of both treatment and our system. Our challenge is to come up with the resources to pay for the services those judges need to have positive outcomes.

** M. Reitano arrived 6:45 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall updated board members on levy activities. We are currently working on replicating the May 7th cruise-in in Pickerington on October 2nd. It will be from 12-5 on Sunday. B. Weimer has arranged for Ted Strickland to speak there around 3:30 p.m. He is a licensed psychologist and a long time supporter of mental health. M. Reitano added that Channel 4 should be there if not pre-empted. B. Weimer explained that he had contacted the restaurant owners in that complex and they are willing to donate 6 percent of any sales where people present them with an Issue 6 coupon. He added that he met with the Pickerington planning committee yesterday. The people on that committee are superb. One idea that was proposed was the green ribbon campaign to show support for mental health and issue 6. Barb will contact a florist in Lancaster to help get the program started down here.

Kevin told the board that FMHCG will host a mental health awareness rally downtown on October 5th at the bandstand and that David Smith, Mayor of Lancaster, will be there to speak. There will also be levy information and voter registration available. The event runs from 12 – 2 p.m.

Director Hall said that we will have 1500 32" x 20" yard signs available on October 7th for distribution. Tony explained that we are currently soliciting locations so please let us know of any available sign locations, large or small. E. Walker asked how to explain the need for Issue 6. Director Hall explained that Issue 6 is a .75 mill replacement levy that is needed to restore services that have been lost due to revenue cuts. We have lost 52 percent of our emergency services capacity, sliding fee scale is no longer available and services have been denied to close to 400 families. Director Hall added that if we don't pass a replacement levy in the next three election cycles we won't have any levy dollars at all. He went on to explain how levies work in Ohio. Director Hall talked about other activities including polling on October 6th from 5:30 -9 p.m., the literature drops on October 22nd, and yard signs every Saturday. B. Weimer reminded board members of the Taste of Pickerington on Saturday. Director Hall added that the speakers' bureau is online to make 50-60 presentations this year. We are also using area coordinators to help coordinate events. If you are willing to lend your name for a letter to the editor, let us know. We are also doing something new this year. We will have poll workers to stand outside the polling location area holding something to show support for Issue 6. These activities are in addition to the usual television, radio spots and direct mail campaign.

Ballot competition was discussed and Director Hall said that besides our issue there are several school issues and MRDD which is county-wide also. He stated his concern that people will confuse us with MRDD. He added that having the Franklin County ADAMH Board and Fairfield County MRDD share the same issue number 7 is a concern also. Chairman Heath asked about getting the Columbus Dispatch's endorsement. Director Hall said that they will not endorse any issue outside of Franklin County.

Director Hall told board members that our bed days were a little higher than normal probably due to diverting bed days from TVPH to Athens and Cambridge but we are not at a danger level.

Chairman Heath thanked M. Reitano, B. Weimer and Barbara Freeman for their work in Pickerington.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 9-27-05-3

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

The Board meeting adjourned @ 7:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary