

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the March 28, 2006, 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 6:40 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy, David Oehlers, Danalee Ogg*, Marian Reitano*, Carol Sullivan, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Jerry Woodgeard.

ABSENT

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ray Robinson, Kevin West.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Judge Patrick Harris, Joel Carter, Brad Hedges, Suzanne Pelletier-Walker, Shirlee Estell, Ed Clum, Marc Grodner, Tony Motta.

Chairman Heath asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

B. Weimer introduced Shirlee Estell, a 6th grade teacher in the Lancaster City School system.

Judge Harris spoke to Board members about the Mental Health Court program. He also introduced a new probation officer, Joel Carter. He discussed the steps that people need to go through to graduate from the program and how their "probation" is actually quasi case management. Joel currently has 31 active cases and also works with people with mental health issues that aren't currently in the mental health court. This program helps offenders with mental health issues to have greater interaction with the mental health system and less with law enforcement. He pointed out that these are all misdemeanor cases and all have been in jail and some in prison and it is very likely these problems are caused by their mental illness. Judge Harris credited the Jail Diversion grant through the ADAMH Board and help from Scott Craft at Mid-Ohio in helping establish this program in January 2005. Joel's time is currently 100 percent for the mental health court but will soon be reduced because of funding loss. If the board would cover \$50,000 a year of his costs the court could cover the rest. J. Woodgeard asked if there were other avenues to pursue if we can only partially fund this request. Judge Harris stated that they will do the best they can but won't be able to provide these services at the same level. D. Oehlers asked if these people will go to jail without these services. Judge Harris replied that they might but some would go anyway but having these services available helps reduce their time and get them the help they need. E. Walker asked about their interaction with the mental health system. Judge Harris said that 90 percent of them have Joe Dunson at Mid-Ohio as a case manager. J. Murphy added that he has attended Judge Harris' court and that most of these people are trying hard to get better. Judge Harris interacts with them very well and is very compassionate. Things are handled quite differently there, if the people are willing to do some of the work they are given the benefit of the doubt but they know there are expectations

also. Director Hall stated that we are not ready to make a decision yet but this request will be considered along with the other service requests. Judge Harris invited the Board to attend Mental Health Court and see for themselves. The court is held every Wednesday at 1:15 except for the next two Wednesdays.

Suzanne Pelletier-Walker talked to the Board about changes at Lighthouse since they have suffered some significant funding cuts. They are looking at a \$70,000 deficit this year due to not getting reimbursed for services they are currently providing. She added that she would like to talk to Director Hall about this and to the Board again next month about why this is occurring.

*M. Reitano and D. Ogg arrived at 7:00 p.m.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-1

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Murphy and second by C. Sullivan that the February Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the February financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had an interesting month for receipts. The revenue summary page has a new look because the Board has four additional funding sources. The list of funding sources would extend beyond one page if an empty row was inserted between each funding source. The Board received the "usual" receipts of Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS. The Board also received the first six months allocation of Title XX (\$36,831.00) from ODMH, Federal Women's Grant (\$22,562.00) from ODADAS, Safety Net Grant funds (\$165,154.00) from ODMH, FAST \$ (17,733.00) from ODMH and ABC Initiative (\$14,938.00) from ODMH. The Board also received \$51,810.41 from the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council for Home Based Therapy for the 2d and 3d quarter of FY'06. On the expense summary page, the Board had a slightly below average month for expenditures. The Board had the "usual" expenses with the Out Of County expenditures lower than average for the year. With a beginning balance of \$186,662.95, receipts of \$490,211.83, expenses of \$528,197.19, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$148,677.59.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-2

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by E. Walker to approve the February financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall discussed the proposed allocation of additional levy proceeds. Included in this are some salary funds to try and bring salaries up to date with state averages. Director Hall also discussed the need for an additional staff person and Rhonda's return to the Board office. He explained about Ms. Myers option to return to work within the 5 years of a medical separation. J. Woodgeard commented that teachers have a similar provision. D. Oehlers raised a concern about the time value of levy receipts. Director Hall said that funds would have to be set aside to cover inflationary needs because we can't assume that state and/or federal increases keep pace with inflation. J. Woodgeard expressed his concern also and suggested keeping more funds back so we can maintain new services. He added that it is better to start slower and add more services next year and make sure we can support them. Director Hall noted that the Board Association director suggested we should expect no change in funding for the upcoming fiscal year which is good

considering the economic climate of our state. Director Hall recommended that there be a small ad hoc committee to meet with our consultant to work on the raise and benefit package. If the maximum amount for the Board Office Budget is approved the contract allocations can move ahead. Tony stated that he hopes the Board can reach consensus so the allocation process can be started so the agencies can start their process. Marc and Brad both expressed agreement with Tony's statement.

M. Reitano asked where the new facility fits into this. Director Hall said everyone is very busy and we don't have sufficient time to address this issue at the moment. Our lease is up in July but that can be extended, other things need to be taken care of first. Chairman Heath added that we looked at some facilities but decided to wait. D. Ogg asked how the respite renovation was progressing. Director Hall said that the renovations have not been completed. We are looking at a cost of \$100,000 which will allow us to complete at least the first floor.

Don presented his audit summary to the Board. He told the board that he has forwarded the audits and his responses to the state departments and the County Auditor so no action is needed on this.

Marc Grodner asked the board to consider recalculating his contract allocations due to a number of variables over the last eight months including a federal grant starting later than it was supposed to and it also grew slower than expected. Staff were allocated to this and were not utilized as planned. Drug screens were also budgeted and did not come through due to redundancies. The Intensive Outpatient program was more successful than planned as were the services to dually diagnosed women's groups so a second facilitator had to be added at an increased cost. We are also trying to reduce the waiting list and assessments have increased by 20 percent. It is also costing more to provide services. This is a request to reallocate the same dollars across different services.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-3

Be it resolved, upon motion by J. Murphy and second by D. Ogg to approve the Recovery Center's reallocation request. The motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Hedges pointed out that the Board did not submit his agency's Medicaid rates in a timely fashion which prevented them from getting reimbursed for \$9,875 in services. He requested the Board cover those lost revenues.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-4

Be it resolved, upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by C. Sullivan to approve Mid Ohio's request. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall stated that two options regarding thanking the county for passing the levy was discussed at the last meeting. Those options were billboards and 4' x 4' signs. Director Hall recommended purchasing two billboards, one in Lancaster and one as close to Pickerington as possible, and recognizing May is mental health month and thanking the community for their support. He added that he really liked the 4'x 4' idea and would like to use it in some other way. M. Reitano stated the billboard idea was fine but get a billboard on 256, not on 33 for Pickerington. She added that the back page of the Pickerington Times Sun costs \$500 a month.

Marc reminded everyone that April is Alcohol Awareness month.

Director Hall told the board that we need to decide how many bed days to contract for with the state. He is recommending we stay with 700. Marcy added that we will exceed 700 this year but we still have 250 over that before we have to pay the state.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-6

Be it resolved, upon motion by J. Murphy and seconded by C. Sullivan to approve contracting with the state for 700 bed days for FY '07. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-7

Be it resolved, upon motion by J. Woodgeard and seconded by E. Walker to enter executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel and salary issues. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-28-06-8

Be it resolved, upon motion by J. Woodgeard and seconded by J. Murphy to end executive session at 8:15 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Heath adjourned the Board meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Chair

Secretary