

# Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the May 23, 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 not being present.

## **ROLL CALL PRESENT**

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, David Oehlers, Marian Reitano\*, Carol Sullivan.

## **ABSENT**

Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy, Danalee Ogg, Ray Robinson, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West, Jerry Woodgeard.

## **STAFF**

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

## **GUESTS**

Becky Edwards, Brad Hedges, Marc Grodner, Trisha Saunders, Tony Motta.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

Director Hall discussed the possibility of leasing space in the ESC building for the Board staff and the potential of co-locating with the Family, Adults & Children's First Council and Information and Referral. He narrated a powerpoint presentation that included pictures of the facility and a spreadsheet detailing costs and cost savings of three different scenarios. Pros of the move were discussed including: more room, more visibility, lower overall cost, close to other funders (FACF & United Way), available July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cons that were discussed were: Parking almost two blocks away, possibility of school selling building. Director Hall stated he would check with John Snider immediately regarding lease issues. M. Reitano stated that if the building is sold the lease would go with the building. She added that we would need assurances that the rates would stay the same over the life of the lease. Board members agreed that this could be a win-win situation for us and the Lancaster City Schools. Chairman Heath said we need at least a right of first refusal depending on a board motion. Dr. Banville stated that we need to move on this as soon as possible. Director Hall stated that we would probably need a special board meeting. Don suggested having the meeting at that facility so board members could see it. M. Reitano said that she would be unavailable after June 13<sup>th</sup> until September.

Tony stated that the synergy from having three major funders in one location could have all kinds of potential. He added that the needs assessment that is starting involves all three agencies, this would definitely be an advantage for New Horizons. Marc agreed stating that an issue during the levy campaigns was a lack of visibility. He added that a lot of ADAMH Boards are located downtown with helps with visibility. Brad agreed stating he sees no downside to this move.

Director Hall raised some “what if” like what if I&R can’t commit. D. Oehlers and M. Reitano stated that the Board would still be getting a good deal even without I&R.

M. Reitano asked about the Board not being allowed to pay for flowers, because it would have been nice to send flowers for Clark Davis. Director Hall replied that that is a rule from the auditors office. He added that we are unable to do plaques either. He told board members that he would like to have an in-service for the Board by the Ohio Ethics commission. He added that we do pretty good but we don’t want to do something in good faith and get a black eye for it.

Director Hall reported on the Youth Survey. He said that Toni Peterseim has done a fabulous job getting the surveys out and back to all the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the county. Next step is data entry and then data tabulation which the board will do. Information should be available to be disseminated in mid-August to the schools and administration. Becky added that this was the first year that parochial schools were asked to participate but they all declined.

Director Hall told the board that during the discussion about the restored service line times Marc pointed out that they didn’t have enough money to restore detox services. Director Hall recommended that \$30,000 be taken out of reserve and applied to detox services. Marc stated that they would be adding some case management time to help with detox.

Marcy told the Board that as of the end of April we have 177 bed days left. This is a much tighter margin than we are used to. She stated that staff are working hard to avoid going over our bed days but there is a slight risk of that happening. She noted that Fairfield Medical Center is working with us on this issue.

Chairman Heath told the Board that she is creating two committees. One is the New Services Priorities Initiative Money Review Committee and the other is the Human Resources Review Committee. This committee will work with Director Hall and Jim Kemper to realign staff salaries. Dr. Banville has agreed to chair the Money Review Committee. She added that she wants to check with more members before she announces who is on these committees.

The Board meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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Secretary