

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the March 27, 2007, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Tony Motta introduced New Horizons Board member Dan Neely.

Director Hall discussed state budget issues including the biennium budget proposed by Governor Strickland. He added that this still has to be approved by the House and Senate so changes are likely. He said that it looked like ODMH would receive a .1 percent increase the first year and a .4 percent increase for the second year. ODADAS did not fare as well with a 18.5 percent decrease the first year and a 11.3 percent increase for the second year. The potential local impact is a \$83,000 reduction in state drug and alcohol funding.

Board Secretary Alexinas called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Dave Alexinas, Larry Miller, Ph.D., Marian Reitano, Carol Sullivan, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, John Murphy, Danalee Ogg, Ray Robinson, Jerry Woodgeard.

STAFF

Orman Hall, Don Mohler, Rhonda Myers, Nadine Carroll.

GUESTS

Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Dan Neely, Suzanne Pelletier-Walker.

Secretary Alexinas asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

Secretary Alexinas asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Miller and second by C. Sullivan that the January 30th Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the January financials. Due to the county changing its accounting software, the January 2007 financials could not be prepared using the revised (P.O. Database) format. It is anticipated that the P.O. Database format will be used for the February 2007 financials. The old style format will be used for the January 2007 financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a modest month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$180,554.66) and the third quarter allocation from ODADAS (\$111,242.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a modest month for expenditures. Most of the line items are close to or under budget for the year. The "New Initiatives" amounts have not been added to the

budgets as of yet. With a beginning balance of \$1,699,288.22, receipts of \$291,796.66, expenses of \$630,835.57, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$1,360,249.31. Don also noted that the balance is off by \$27.20 due to the county adding in life insurance costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-2

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and second by C. Sullivan to approve the January financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don presented the February financials. Due to the county changing its accounting software, the February 2007 financials could not be prepared using the revised (P.O. Database) format. It is anticipated that the P.O. Database format will be used for the April 2007 financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a modest month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$349,183.68) and Title XX from ODMH (\$37,057.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a robust month for expenditures. "Leasehold Improvements" in the amount of \$46,197.59 were paid in February. The federal "Drug Court Grant" had expenses of \$76,219.52 and the federal "Family Drug Court Grant" had expenses of \$21,655.65. The "Other" row had the expense of the real estate taxes for the "Our Place II" facilities and reimbursement to New Horizons for the additional audit costs and for lost productivity for staff to attend trainings. The "New Initiatives" amounts have been added to the budgets as of February 2007. With a beginning balance of \$1,360,249.31, receipts of \$386,240.68, expenses of \$750,764.30, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$995,698.49. The county retroactively applied a payment of \$27.20 for "Life Insurance" after the January 2007 cut off date. Therefore, the January 2007 financials that were mailed to the Board members were incorrect by that amount. The year to date totals for "Life Insurance" have been adjusted in February for this omission.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-3

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall told the Board that ODADAS required a plan every two years that needs to be approved by the Board. This plan was sent to Board members along with their monthly mailing to give them time for review before the board meeting. Rhonda provided a two page summary to board members and reviewed it with them. Discussion about the plan followed. A recommendation was made to revise some language in the Community Attitudes section. It was discussed that if, for example, one adolescent needs residential treatment it could cost \$30,000 for just that one person. More creative solutions are needed to meet needs. Director Hall noted that our average cost per capita is \$1,100 and the state average is \$1,600. This shows that we have fewer funds to service a higher risk population. We are trying to make do with outpatient services for people that could use more intensive treatment.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-4

Be it resolved upon motion by C. Sullivan and second by Dr. Miller to approve the ODADAS Community Plan with the proposed change on page 11. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don discussed the Estimated Revenue sheet for FY 2008. This includes the \$83,469 reduction in ODADAS State funds. Flat funding is anticipated from ODMH. We are losing all the Hazard funds as they were not cost effective to use. Adult care facility upgrades were time limited in nature and that has ended. Optimistically we hope to see a 3 percent increase in levy funds. We also should have use of the \$300,000 that was set aside for the respite facility and reserve.

Rhonda discussed the Contracting Process. The proposed process would have the first three months of SFY 2008 stay the same and then adjust accordingly after we get the final allocations from the state. This was done because we usually do not have solid allocations from the state until September. Director Hall pointed out the need for principles to be established for allocation of funds. He stated that after the levy we decided to set aside \$200,000 to build reserves and \$100,000 for respite costs. These issues are done so we can apply those funds to the service deficit. They could be released incrementally and offset next years shortfall. He added that in 2006 Medicaid accounted for 76 percent of all claims and the Medicaid rates do not cover the full cost of providing services. This means the agencies can't compensate their people enough because of all the units that have to be provided. We need to help them get and retain good people and we are looking for ways to accomplish this. Secretary Alexinas noted that this just adds to the inflationary process. He also wondered if the levy dollars have helped any. Tony indicated that it has increased the number of clients because of reinstating the sliding fee scale. M. Reitano asked if the new governor has helped any. Tony said he hasn't helped yet. M. Reitano said that we if we could get her some information she would be willing to help. Secretary Alexinas stated that it sounds like we need an Ad Hoc committee to look into this. He asked E. Walker if we would be willing to head up this committee, and M. Reitano already volunteered to help. He added that Chair Heath and Director Hall should also be included.

Director Hall discussed the options around the Respite Housing project. A certified firm is needed to remove the asbestos before demolition can take place. That will cost approximately \$2,000. There is significant water damage to the facility so we should do this. We can proceed straight to demolition or get bids although we are not required to. M. Reitano stated that there are two ways of doing a project. You could get one firm to do the removal and demolition or two separate firms. You need to get bids both ways. Also discussed was the potential new respite facility and inability to use the basement because of lack of exits. Director Hall pointed out it was not worth the extra \$10,000 for a basement when all it could be used for was storage.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-5

Be it resolved upon motion by B. Weimer and second by K. West to approve the \$2,000 to move ahead with the asbestos removal. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don presented the proposed Board office budget for FY 2008. Detailed explanations were included in the packet. Don discussed the impact of one less fte and trying to save costs by having two part time people pick up most of the duties. There was also a savings in utilities in the new facility versus the old facility. B. Weimer asked why there was a difference in the PR line item. Director Hall stated that the Board had approved extra money for the youth survey mailer. This is also a reflection of the Board expecting more public relations activities. We are using many avenues to get the word out. Secretary Alexinas pointed out the new backlit signs. Director Hall said that they are extremely visible and that Chair Heath fought to get those backlit signs for that reason. M. Reitano suggested that we use youth groups to do calling.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-6

Be it resolved upon motion by M. Reitano and second by B. Weimer to approve FY 2008 Board Office Budget. Motion was unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

K. West pointed out that there are still many holes for mental illness and in the law. He also said that the homeless could also be helped if HUD was not cut out. He added that jobs are needed for the mentally ill. All this is built around laws that help create stigma. He wanted everyone to be aware that the budget isn't the issue, stigma is. He said that families need to help and better transportation is needed. He would like to see consumers helping consumers if they could get paid for it. Director Hall agreed that transportation remains a problem and that it needs to be discussed. Secretary Alexinas asked about volunteers helping with transportation. Director Hall said that New Horizons used to have vans but a lot of the problem is the insurance liability issue. He suggested that this issue be taken to CHC for discussion and report back to the Board. Secretary Alexinas agreed that transportation is important and that stigma is an issue and that we need to keep chipping away at it.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 3-27-07-06

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

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary