

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the April 24, 2007, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Rhonda Myers introduced Fonda Dawkins, Administrator, Culture of Quality program at Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA). Fonda presented on the culture of quality program and the move towards accrediting ADAMH Boards. The certification process is entirely voluntary but helps to establish statewide standards that Boards can follow. The state departments are pushing to make it mandatory but OACBHA is pushing back. There are 142 standards total, 138 of which are grouped under ten (10) domains: Medicaid, Public Affairs, Risk Management & Insurance, Board Health & Safety, Human Resources, Mission & Program, Governance, Board Finance & Operations, Continuous Quality Improvement, and Ethics. The remaining four (4) standards are listed in an eleventh "Miscellaneous" category. Boards are measured on ten areas of operation that were established by ORC 340. The standards that other accrediting organizations such as JCAHO, COA, and CARF use were also considered as a reference. The certification process was piloted at four boards to determine if the standards were clear, concise and applicable. Fonda explained the process as being a two day survey. A group of trained peers, usually at least one peer and one administrator, goes to a Board to review the facility, documentation and collateral contacts (interview at least one board member and one contract provider). Fonda said that she was the constant in the survey. The survey results are then taken back to the Culture of Quality Board for review. A Board can be certified for 3 years, 1 year or non-certified.

The COQ Board is comprised of three Board Executive Directors that are elected for three-year terms. The peer surveyors are Executive Directors and senior management that have been at the Board for at least three years and they have to be trained and observe before going out to survey a Board. Fonda added that OACBHA is committed to helping Board's achieve accreditation by providing resources and support wherever necessary. If a Board looks like it might not pass, the survey can be considered a consultation until the Board resolves the issues it needs to correct to pass certification. Director Hall pointed out that Rhonda has agreed to serve as a peer certifier and has already observed at one certification. He added that he does not know any Executive Director that is not committed to doing this. We will have to scrutinize everything we do and that will take time but it will help us do business better. He said that staff agrees that this is the direction we need to go. D. Alexinas stated that he is an ACA auditor in the corrections area and certification is nice but the process itself is what is worthwhile.

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

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., Marian Reitano, Carol Sullivan, Kevin West, Jerry Woodgeard.

ABSENT

John Murphy, Danalee Ogg, Ray Robinson, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Fonda Dawkins, Liz Henrich, Henry Shover, Brad Hedges, Tony Motta, Marc Grodner.

Chairman Heath asked the Board if they wanted to move forward with the Certification process.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-07-1

Be it resolved upon motion by D. Alexinas and second by C. Sullivan that the Board move forward with the certification process. Motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Heath asked if there were any other questions or comments from the audience. Chairman Heath also welcomed Henry Shover, New Horizons Board member, to the meeting.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-07-2

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by Dr. Miller that the March Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don Mohler presented the March financials. Due to the county changing its accounting software, the March 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 very modest month for receipts. The Board received the Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$79,720.39) and the 3d quarter allocation of the ACT Funds (Alternatives for Children and Teens) (\$13,703.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a robust month for expenditures. The month of March had three paydays and so the Board Administration and PPS HUB expenses were higher than normal. With a beginning balance of \$995,698.49, receipts of \$98,234.15, expenses of \$789,518.61, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$304,414.03.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-07-3

Be it resolved upon motion by C. Sullivan and second by Dr. Banville to approve the March financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hall told the Board that ODMH requires a plan every two years that needs to be approved by the Board. Director Hall pointed out two noteworthy pieces. He discussed the number of bed days (700) that we contract for by forecasting need as accurately as possible based on historical data. Tony explained that New Horizons shares the payback risk if we go over our bed days. He noted that they are very comfortable with the risk level at 700 bed days. He added that it takes service funds out of the community, approximately the cost of a case manager, if we ask for more than 700 bed days. Rhonda then reviewed the inventory of services.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-07-4

Be it resolved upon motion by J. Woodgeard and second by Dr. Banville to approve the ODMH MSPA as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall noted that the principles have been revised and the ad hoc committee needs to meet again to review them. He added that he has had preliminary conversations with the director of the Lighthouse and I&R regarding telephone availability. M. Reitano pointed out that this is very important and needs to be done immediately. Tony stated that due to the initiatives program, 24/7 crisis coverage was reinstated on April 1st. Director Hall agreed that this was an important issue and that it needs to be done right. He added that I&R is engaged in a certification process. D. Alexinas wondered if volunteers could answer the phones. Rhonda said it is possible to use volunteers but they need to be well-trained and they would work with I&R.

Director Hall distributed and discussed the six graphs of PPS data. The data show that Fairfield County has more out of county than the other PPS boards, has 75.6 percent Medicaid compared to 26 percent Medicaid in the other counties. He pointed out that the Medicaid ranges from 30 to 86 percent around the state. C. Sullivan asked where all these Medicaid clients are coming from. K. West noted that there are not enough private psychiatrists that will take Medicaid so they end up in the system. Dr. Banville wondered if Fairfield Medical Center and other private practitioners have comparable numbers.

Director Hall told the Board that changes are being made in the allocation process. The current year's contracts will be extended for three months so the state allocation numbers can be used.

Director Hall stated that asbestos is being removed at the respite location on Thursday and Friday of this week. Because of the project's scope and cost, sealed bids and prevailing wages will be needed. Nick is currently working on the bid specifications.

Nadine reviewed public relations activities for board members. The last principle statement that Orman mentioned involved reaching out to the community. We have held and participated in events in the past as time and resources permitted but there wasn't a plan or concerted effort made. We are working on those issues now. Some of the things we are working on (or have worked on) to increase awareness includes:

January 20	Annual Chamber Dinner
March 2	Women's Celebration at OUL
March 5	Women's Celebration at OUP
May 5	MHM Cruise in at Fairgrounds
June 1	MHM Cruise in Olde Pickerington
July 4	Lancaster 4 th of July Parade
July 4	Pickerington 4 th of July Parade
July 20	Open House/ Website Launch/Lancaster Festival Artwalk show
August	Community Healthfest
September	Lancaster Labor Day Parade
October	Chamber First Tuesday Tradeshow
October	Fair Booth at county fair
October	Red Ribbon activities

Please attend or volunteer to help at any of these events.

ODMH obtained federal grant dollars to pay for the two years worth of the Network of Care website for Boards. After that, it is up to the individual Board if they want to keep the site or not. Fairfield County's page has its own sections and more information will be added. This was on the fast track because of funding restrictions so not everything that is available is on the site yet. This site can be accessed by going to the Board's website at www.fair-mh.org or through the state's portal at www.ohio.networkofcare.org.

The 2007 Edition of Mental Health Matters t-shirts are available. If you would like one, please contact Nadine.

Director Hall discussed budget advocacy efforts going on at the state level. He had sent a letter to Gerry Stebelton asking for support on these issues.

He also noted that there is legislation in the works for an excise tax on alcohol to help pay for drug and alcohol treatment. It needs to get through the general assembly.

Director Hall asked the board to authorize OACBHA to pilot a case management strategy. There is a possibility that Fairfield County could be designated a pilot site for Medicaid care management.

K. West was passionate about the transportation issue so Chairman Heath established an ad hoc transportation committee that will include Patricia Waits, March Fields and K. West.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sheila suggested changing the Board's meeting schedule to bi-monthly and having committee meetings on the off month. Hopefully this will help participation by members. Director Hall pointed out that if it does not work we can always go back and special meetings could always be called if necessary.

Chairman Heath talked about creating a training manual to help new board members become acclimated faster. New board members are needed. A nominating committee is needed and is usually chaired by the past president. Director Hall asked board members to fill out the bio information that was sent to them since that is part of the training manual.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 4-24-07-05

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

The Board meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary