

Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Minutes of the June 26, 2007, Board meeting held at 6:30 p.m. at the Board office pursuant to notice mailed to all Board members.

Board Chair Heath called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL PRESENT

Dave Alexinas, Ed Banville, Ph.D., Sheila Heath, Larry Miller, Ph.D., John Murphy, Danalee Ogg, Marian Reitano*, Eric Walker, Bill Weimer, Kevin West.

ABSENT

Ray Robinson, Carol Sullivan, Jerry Woodgeard.

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Molly Swisher, Becky Edwards, Patrick Fleming, Roma Barickman, Hope Daw, Patricia Waits, Gene Eusanio, Ron Rett, Suzanne Pelletier-Walker, Marc Grodner, Brad Hedges, Trisha Saunders.

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

B. Weimer introduced Gene Eusanio. Gene will start his term as an ADAMH Board on July 1, 2007. Chairman Heath welcomed him to the Board.

Marc Grodner announced that he has accepted a position as the Vice President of Alcohol and Drug at the Hamilton County ADAMH Board. Marc also discussed the new Suboxone program that has recently begun at The Recovery Center. He stated that he had overheard someone saying that "this was the best they felt in two years." He added that it took a lot of people and support to make this program happen. He complimented the Board because they had the will to try something new with the levy funds and it is really helping. He said it is not just about alcohol and drugs, it is about everyone. He stated that they have had a good relationship with the ADAMH Board and that is not very common around the state. He said that the Recovery Center has a competent staff and Trisha Saunders will serve as the interim Director. He also thanked everyone for their support.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-1

Be it resolved upon motion by Dr. Banville and second by D. Alexinas that the Fairfield County ADAMH Board appreciates Marc Grodner's efforts in the Fairfield County ADAMH system. Motion was unanimously approved.

Director Hall introduced the Board's summer intern, Nicole Marx. Nicole is a Junior at the University of Vermont. She is helping the Board on several projects including some exciting data.

Chairman Heath introduced Roma Barickman, ODMH Area Director for Central Ohio; Ron Rett, Housing Director for NAMI Ohio and Patricia Waits, Executive Director of the Fairfield Mental Health Consumer Group. Director Hall expressed his appreciation at their attendance to help address the concerns that were raised at the last Board meeting.

Roma discussed the Department's perspective on consumer operated respite programs. These services are non-Medicaid services and need Board support to help them work. The department comes out and certifies respite programs and addresses liability issues. This respite program is being looked at by other groups as a model program. They have training and oversight which is important. Patricia Waits stated that they were certified as a consumer operated services and they can also be certified under new respite programming standards. Patricia further stated that she was hired five years ago to run the respite program and that the program concept was born out of an idea from the Intersystem committee. The consumer group is very aware of liability issues. Respite workers are hired as contract workers and are "paid" via gift cards because of SSI regulations. Every Monday night is a training night for respite staff. All respite workers are required to have CPR and first aid training. They are also trained in the Bridges program. If people do not take their medicine they let their ongoing caregiver know. People that are in respite are usually in need of support and rest. The respite program helps keep people out of the state hospital and also serves as an extension of a short hospital stay. There has not been a medical emergency in five years but they prepared, just in case. There are two respite workers for each person in respite care. She added that they also have policies and procedures in place. Working in the respite program helps consumers manage their own crises better and helps them return to the work force. They have found that consumers will share things with them that they would not share with treatment providers. The original plan, three years ago, was to use the house that was on the property but that proved too expensive so the secondary plan is to put a modular on there. This project was put on hold so the focus would be on getting the levy passed. Patricia stated that they do not want to be a treatment provider because as a consumer group they have more flexibility. Director Hall added that there are actually two respite beds and two transitional beds. The transitional beds should be full all the time, up to three months, while the respite is up to three days and nights. J. Murphy stated that he had expressed concerns at the last meeting but with all the checks and balances that are in place those concerns were addressed. E. Walker asked about certification. Roma explained that certification is for services and ODMH governs it. This is a brand new process and governance is tighter. There are no waivers. Surveyors go out and inspect the physical plant and use the same ten pages as any other mental health agency. Ron Rett stated that he has spent numerous hours here working on this. The check was delivered in December of 2004 and this was one of only four boards awarded \$60,000. We want to proceed without delay to expend the funds on this project. If you cannot proceed, we would like the money returned. However, our preference is that this housing project proceed. Director Hall said that when this project started the renovations were minor and then grew and became more and more convoluted. We then moved to the modular housing plan. A decision needs to be made at the next board meeting.

Becky discussed follow-up of the emergency phone/front door issue. New Horizon's calls were analyzed for the type of call and when they were made. The next step is to finalize that model with New Horizons' staff and finalize the training needs for Information and Referral staff. The technology needs are being analyzed and addressed. We are fairly confident that we can do this by October 1st. There is still a lot of work to be done yet though. The only calls that are a record of were the ones that made it through the hospital's system. We know that there are a lot of calls that didn't make it through. In 2008, the Council will back off and Information and Referral will take over. We need assurance that this will be before spending any funds on this process. Chairman Heath asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-2

Be it resolved upon motion by K. West and second by J. Murphy that the May Board minutes be approved. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don presented highlights of the April financials. Due to the county changing its accounting software, the April 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 June 2007 financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a very good month for receipts. The Board received the 1st Half Settlement from the levy (\$1,029,140.90), Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$180,781.96) and the 4th quarter allocation from ODADAS (\$106,499.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a robust month for expenditures. Beside the “usual” expenditures, the Board also had levy related expenses (\$17,549.12), a payment to the Fairfield Co. Family, Adult and Children First Council (\$50,000.00) and Federal Drug Court expenses (\$19,534.00). With a beginning balance of \$304,414.03, receipts of \$1,356,035.68, expenses of \$723,964.30, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$936,485.41.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-3

Be it resolved upon motion by D. Ogg and second by B. Weimer to approve the April financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

Don presented highlights of the May financials. Due to the county changing its accounting software, the May 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 June 2007 financials. On the revenue summary page, the Board had a good month for receipts. The Board received the remainder of the 1st Half Settlement from the levy (\$109,509.90), Medicaid FFP from ODMH and ODADAS (\$284,318.13) and the 3d quarter allocation from FACF (\$27,686.00). On the expense summary page, the Board had a robust month for expenditures. Beside the “usual” expenditures, the Board also had levy related expenses (\$17,549.12), a payment to the Fairfield Co. Family, Adult and Children First Council (\$50,000.00) and Federal Drug Court expenses (\$19,534.00). With a beginning balance of \$936,485.41, receipts of \$602,012.39, expenses of \$840,856.50, leaves a month ending cash balance of \$697,641.30.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-4

Be it resolved upon motion by E. Walker and second by Dr. Miller to approve the May financials. Motion was unanimously approved.

E. Walker presented the Ad Hoc Principles Committee report. E. Walker stated that he, B. Weimer, S. Heath, M. Reitano and Director Hall met and reviewed the Agency Directors’ written feedback which he thanked them for. A meeting date needs established that the Agency Directors can attend as this meeting will determine final recommendations.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Hall told the board that Dr. Phillip Prior’s appointment is pending with the Ohio Department of Mental Health. It takes a little longer to get appointments processed through the state departments than through the county commissioners.

Nadine asked Board members to show their support by walking with Board and agency staff in the 4th of July parades. The Lancaster parade is in the morning and the Pickerington parade is in the evening. She also reminded them of the Open House and Artwalk on July 20th. The Open House will take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and the Artwalk is from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. She asked that they come and help represent the ADAMH Board at these events. She also reported on the cruise-ins. The ADAMH Board sponsored two very successful cruise-ins. The first was held on May 5th at the Fairfield County fairgrounds from Noon-5 p.m. Thanks to Awareness Planning Committee members for all their hard work and support of this event! We also appreciate River Valley Rods & Customs for their ongoing support of our cause and their hard work as hosts of this event. The second cruise-in held on June 1st from 5-9 pm. in downtown Olde Pickerington on St. Rte. 256. A beautiful evening after the rain went through and very well attended despite the weather earlier in the day. Thanks again to the committee and especially to Deblin Jennings of Deblin Design for all her hard work on this event! Special thanks go to Michael Ashton (and Stan the Man!) of New Horizons for his hard work (he says it is fun) on both cruise-ins. Special kudos also goes out to Shawna Watts of Mid-Ohio and Kevin Combs of FMHCG for their hard work on both cruise-ins.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Heath reported on the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers for FY 2008. B. Weimer as Chair, Dr. Miller as Vice-Chair and S. Heath as Secretary.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-05

Be it resolved, upon motion by M. Reitano and seconded by D. Alexinas to accept Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Heath stated that this was Dr. Banville's and D. Alexinas's last meeting as they have served the full term possible. She expressed appreciation for their services to the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-06

Be it resolved, upon motion by D. Ogg and seconded by M. Reitano to recognize Dr. Banville and D. Alexinas's service to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-07

Be it resolved, upon motion by Dr. Banville and seconded by E. Walker to acknowledge S. Heath's contributions to the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 6-26-07-08

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

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

Chair

Secretary