



BUTLER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Board Meeting
January 20, 2010

The Butler County Mental Board held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President-Elect Barbara Desmond called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL & OATH OF OFFICE

Upon call of the roll the following Board members were present: Laura Amiott, Esq.; David Annable; Pat Deis-Gleeson; David Delgado II, MSW; Barbara Desmond; Carol Jones; Ginger Justice; Wayne Mays; Heather Nguyen; Mark O'Hara; Linda Snow-Griffin, PhD; Debbie Stanton; and Kay Waldo.

Board members not present were: Bob Myron.

Staff members present at the meeting were: Terry D. Royer, PhD, LISW-S; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC; Scott C. Fourman, LPCC; Ellen F. Harvey, LISW-S; Cassandra Kiesey, Esq.; and Amber Reckner.

Board attorney Cassandra Kiesey administered the oath of office to Mr. David Annable and Mr. Wayne Mays.

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests present at the meeting were: Kathy Becker, Chief Executive Officer for Transitional Living, Inc.; Chris Connolly, Asst. Vice President of Community Behavioral Health; Jim Beiting, Executive Director of Community Behavioral Health; Sally Fiehrer, Executive Director of Butler County NAMI; Deb Miller, Associate Director of St. Joseph Orphanage; John Bohley, Executive Director of the Butler County ADAS Board; Dick Chartier, Chair of the Butler County ADAS Board; Kim Stricklin, Chief Executive Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services; Valerie Barth, Chief Operating Officer for Forensic and Mental Health Services; Tom Gathoff, Chief Financial Officer for St. Aloysius Orphanage; Sherrie Bluester, Executive Director for the YWCA of Hamilton.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

Ms. Desmond requested a motion to add to the agenda item C. December, 2009 Board Operating Report under New Business.

Ms. Amiott moved to add to the agenda item C. December, 2009 Board Operating Report under New Business. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Ms. Desmond requested a motion to add to the agenda item D. Board Merger Discussion under New Business.

Ms. Amiott moved to add to the agenda item D. Board Merger Discussion under New Business. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA

-None.

VI. BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF November 18, 2009

Ms. Amiott moved and Ms. Deis-Gleeson seconded for approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009. The vote carried the motion.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Royer presented a memo dated January 5, 2010 from Jean Glowka, President of Community Behavioral Health, announcing their acquisition of Comprehensive Counseling Services of Middletown.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Planning and Finance Committee January 5, 2010

1.0 Calendar Year 2010 County Budget Update

Dr. Royer reported that the Butler County Commissioners approved the Calendar Year 2010 budget submitted by the Board. He noted that the Commissioners were informed of the likelihood of the Board seeking to be on the ballot in November, 2010 for the renewal of the Board's 1.0 mill levy originally approved by voters in November, 2006.

2.0 September, October, and November 2009 Board Operating Reports

Mr. Rhodus presented the September, October and November 2009 Board Operating Reports. At the end of November, 2009, the board operating budget is currently 8.9% under spent or \$126,953.

Ms. Amiott moved to approve the September, October and November 2009 Board Operating Reports. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

3.0 Status of Agency Financial Reports

Mr. Rhodus presented an updated Status of Agency Financial Reports document. Currently, all agencies are up-to-date on the submission of their required financial reports to the Board.

4.0 Health Insurance Cost Increase Report

Mr. Rhodus presented a report which shows the cost increase of the Board's Health Insurance benefit. The report shows a breakdown of cost increases incurred to both the employer and employees. It was noted the majority of the cost increase was deferred to employees, especially those that opt for a family benefit plan.

5.0 2010 Board Attorney Contract

Dr. Royer presented the 2010 Board Attorney Contract the Board has with the Prosecuting Attorney's office to fund Ms. Kiesey's position. The contract does not reflect any salary increase.

Ms. Amriott moved to approve the 2010 Board Attorney Contract between the Butler County Mental Health Board and the Butler County Prosecutor's office. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

6.0 Projected Financial Forecast Update

Dr. Royer presented an update on the projected financial forecast of the Board.

The Board was presented with a few scenarios to show 1) what would happen in the financial forecast if the Board made no reductions in funding 2) what would happen in the financial forecast if the Board waited to make budget reductions starting in FY 2012 and 3) what would happen in the financial forecast if the Board waited to make budget reductions starting in FY 2013. Board staff noted that it would not be possible for the Board to avoid making any budget reductions prior to 2013 due to the severity of the budget reductions the Board has already sustained. It is anticipated the Board will receive even greater reductions in the next state budget biennium.

Dr. Royer distributed a graph showing the Board's federal, state and local funding and how it has changed over the years. The Board's local funding comes from two property tax levies. The first levy passed by the Board in 1984 is a .50 mill, ten year issue levy which has been renewed twice. This levy has an effective rate of 0.2 mills today. The next chance for the .50 mill levy to be renewed or replaced would be in 2014. In November, 2006, the Board passed a second levy which is a 1.0 mill, five year issue which is up for renewal or replacement in November, 2010.

The graph shows a dramatic decrease in the state funding the Board receives. Over the past two years, the Board has sustained 3.1 million dollars in state funding reductions. Several recent newspaper articles were distributed, each detailing the ongoing budget crisis at the state level. Dr. Royer noted that the state's budget crisis is expected to continue into the next biennium (FY 2012 – FY 2013).

The graph shows an increase in federal funding, which is due to continuing increases in Medicaid enrollment. As Medicaid increases, the Board's discretionary state and local funds start to decrease as the Board is required to pay the Medicaid Match. Typically, the Board is responsible for a 40% match while the federal government covers the remaining 60% of Medicaid. However, as part of the federal stimulus package received by the state of Ohio, the federal government is covering 75% of Medicaid while the local Boards pay the 25% match. The enhanced rate the federal government is paying is scheduled to end December 31, 2010. There are current lobbying efforts for the federal government to continue to pay the enhanced rate for another six months; however no decision had been made at this time.

Discussion followed concerning the forecasted budget reductions that will be made to the Butler County mental health system in the coming years. It is anticipated the budget reductions will come primarily from services funded by Board subsidy dollars which are discretionary funds from both state and local funding sources. It is the goal of the Executive and Planning and Finance Committees to maintain current services into fiscal year 2011, which would require the Board to freeze current spending levels. Dr. Royer requested a motion to send a memo to the contract agency directors announcing that the Board will not be reviewing any budget amendments at the February Board meeting that involve additional subsidy funding requests. The memo detailed that agencies can move their budgeted dollars from one service category to another. If an agency is expecting to under spend their Medicaid budget, they may "convert" the Board funded match of this funding (25%) into subsidy funding for the remainder of FY 2010. However, Dr. Royer recommended that when it comes time for

the Board to approve FY 2011 budgets (which will hopefully be continuation budgets), any additional subsidy agencies acquired through "converting" their Medicaid funding would be removed. The subsidy funding levels would be based on last budget revision the Board approved in the fall of 2010. Dr. Royer noted that contract allows the Board to reduce the agency's subsidy funding if the agency over spends what they have budgeted for Medicaid so the Board is ensured there will be enough money available to fund the required Medicaid match.

Ms. Amoitt moved to send a memo to Agency Directors announcing the Board will not be considering any requests for additional subsidy funding at the February, 2010 Board meeting. Ms. Stanton seconded the motion. Ms. Deis-Gleeson opposed the motion. The vote carried the motion.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Royer presented his Executive Director's Report to the Board. He presented a memo dated January 13, 2010 from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities to Dr. Sandra Stephenson, Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health outlining various issues and questions the department has yet to address. The Association plans to follow up on these issues and additional information will be brought to the Board as it is received.

Dr. Royer discussed the issue of the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) rate scheduled to end December 31, 2010 unless it is extended. There are current lobbying efforts for the federal government to continue to pay the enhanced rate for another six months; however no decision had been made at this time. The public was encouraged to contact their senators to ask them to support the continuation of the enhanced FMAP as it would help this Board stave off any additional budget reductions and hopefully move into another fiscal year without having to reduce much needed services to the community.

Publications from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities were distributed on the topics of Offender Reentry and Re-Integration and the Second Chance Act: What it Means to Ohio.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. State Hospital Report

Mr. Fourman provided an update on state hospital usage. The average state hospital usage for the month of December was 9.3 beds, making the yearly average usage 7.9 beds. There are currently 10 beds occupied at the state hospital.

B. Voucher Approval (11/16/09, 11/17/09, 11/23/09, 11/24/09, 11/30/09, 12/02/09, 12/03/09, 12/07/09, 12/11/09, 12/15/09, 12/17/09, 12/28/09, 12/30/09, 1/6/10) & Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for November & December 2009

Ms. Amiott moved to approve the vouchers dated 11/16/09, 11/17/09, 11/23/09, 11/24/09, 11/30/09, 12/02/09, 12/03/09, 12/07/09, 12/11/09, 12/15/09, 12/17/09, 12/28/09, 12/30/09, 1/6/10 and the Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for November and December, 2009. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

C. December, 2009 Board Operating Report

Mr. Rhodus presented the December, 2009 Board Operating Report. At the end of December 2009, the board operating budget is 11% under spent or \$156,303.

Ms. Waldo moved to approve the December, 2009 Board Operating Report. Mr. O'Hara seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

D. Board Merger Discussion

In response to various inquiries regarding cost savings associated with a possible merger of the Butler County Mental Health Board and the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, documents from the September, 2009 Joint Ad Hoc Committee meetings were sent out to all members of both Boards. Ms. Amriott presented the documents and offered the opportunity for questions regarding the information.

Mr. Dick Chartier, Chair of the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, announced that a Board Merger Discussion is planned on the agenda for their Board meeting tomorrow evening at 5:00 PM. It is anticipated there will be a formal motion or action taken by the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board regarding the issue of potential merger with the Butler County Mental Health Board at the meeting.

XI GUEST COMMENTS

Mr. Kim Stricklin invited Board members to attend a workshop on Health Care Reform and the Integration of Behavioral Health with Primary Care scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at the Wilk's Conference Center on the Miami University of Hamilton Campus.

Dr. Royer introduced and welcomed Ms. Sherrie Bluester, the new Executive Director of the YWCA of Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. Dick Chartier invited Board members to the next meeting of the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010 starting at 5:00 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Waldo moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Desmond
Board President-Elect