



BUTLER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Board Meeting
November 18, 2009

The Butler County Mental Board held its regular monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Bob Myron called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL & OATH OF OFFICE

Upon call of the roll the following Board members were present: Laura Amriott, Esq.; Pat Deis-Gleeson; Barbara Desmond; Carol Jones; Ginger Justice; Bob Myron; Heather Nguyen; Mark O'Hara; Linda Snow-Griffin, PhD; and Kay Waldo.

Board members not present were: David Delgado II, MSW and Debbie Stanton.

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 Kieseey, Esq.; and Amber Reckner.

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; Kim Stricklin, Chief Executive Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services; Carolyn Barker, Interim Executive Director for Community Counseling and Crisis Center; David Annable, guest; Wayne Mays, guest; Sherrie Goodall, Chief Financial Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services; Valerie Barth, Chief Operating Officer for Forensic and Mental Health Services.

IV. AGENDA REVIEW

-None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS: AGENDA

-None.

VI. BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF October 21, 2009

Ms. Amriott moved and Ms. Waldo seconded for approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2009. The vote carried the motion.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

-None.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive/Planning and Finance Committee November 3, 2009

1.0 Update on New Projects

Dr. Rasmus provided an update on the three evidence-based practices the Board is in process of implementing. The Board is in process of implementing the **START** (Systemic Therapeutic Assessment Respite Treatment) model, an evidence-based practice for the treatment of individuals with both a mental health disorder and a developmental disability. The implementation of the START model is a collaborative effort between the Butler County Mental Health Board and the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities made possible through a \$200,000 grant from the Greater Cincinnati Health Foundation. Dr. Rasmus stated the goal of the program, which began seeing clients on November 9, 2009, is to treat 70 dually diagnosed mentally ill, developmentally disabled clients over the three year grant period. To improve assessment capability for professionals working with this population, a series of trainings have been scheduled.

The other two evidenced-based practice models in process of being implemented are the **IMPACT** (Improving Mood: Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment) and **PEARLS** (Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding Lives for Seniors) programs. These programs will bring specialized mental health services to seniors living in Butler County. The Butler County Mental Health Board and the Council on Aging which administers the Butler County Senior Service Levy each contributed \$300,000 for the implementation of these two programs. Last year, Community Behavioral Health was awarded the contract to implement these two models after an extensive RFP review process.

Dr. Rasmus shared that IMPACT targets geriatric depression with the treatment setting in a physician's office. PEARLS is a similar program targeting geriatric depression at a lower level with the treatment setting in the client's home. Both programs are on schedule to see 100 – 150 clients by the end of the fiscal year. Community Behavioral Health is proactively making presentations to primary care physicians, senior centers and caregivers to advertise the availability of these programs for seniors in Butler County.

2.0 Calendar Year 2010 Appropriations Budget for Butler County

Ms. Costello presented the Calendar Year 2010 Appropriations Budget that will be sent to the county. The county operates on a calendar year basis instead of the state fiscal year and thus needs a separate budget prepared. It is the recommendation of the Executive/Planning and Finance Committee to approve the Calendar Year 2010 Appropriations Budget as presented.

Ms. Amriott moved to approve the Calendar Year 2010 Appropriations Budget for Butler County. Ms. Desmond seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

3.0 Butler Behavioral Health Services Subsidy Waiting List Discussion

In response to Butler Behavioral Health Services, Inc. correspondence sent to the Board in October, the Board staff met with the agency to discuss their waiting list concerns for clients needing subsidy dollars to pay for services. The agency is concerned there will not be enough subsidy funding to continue seeing their existing subsidy clients for the remainder of the fiscal year. The agency anticipates a \$90,000 - \$100,000 shortfall and is planning to go to the Board in February to request additional subsidy funding. In the meantime, the agency has taken steps to decrease their potential to be stuck with debt at the end of the fiscal year by limiting their waiting list for subsidy clients. Dr. Royer reported that Butler Behavioral

Health Services has plans to meet with Community Behavioral Health to work out a plan to refer subsidy cases as necessary. Dr. Royer also noted that Board staff will be looking into developing ways to better keep track of agency waiting lists to improve the client referral process.

Ms. Justice expressed her belief that the Hamilton and Middletown health centers no longer serving psychiatric patients. According to her these patients are being referred to mental health agencies throughout Butler County. Due to current subsidy funding limitations for mental health agencies such as Butler Behavioral Health Services, patients often experience substantial wait times for services. Dr. Royer noted that the Board does not provide funding for the federally funded health centers as they are not licensed mental health providers through the Ohio Department of Mental Health. He suggested appealing to the health centers' Board of Directors regarding her concern with issue of how the health clinics operate.

Mr. Stricklin shared that Butler Behavioral Health Services currently funds one therapist that serves in the health centers in Hamilton and Middletown and is in the process of hiring another. According to Mr. Stricklin, the Health centers have agreed to continue providing psychiatric medication if the clients are under the care of the therapist that Butler Behavioral Health Services provides. While this will provide some relief, the agency has limited funds and will not be able to help all clients without an increase in subsidy funding.

Dr. Royer reminded the Board of the extensive funding cuts they have sustained and the likelihood of future cuts. He also noted the perennial issue of the Board being required to pay the Medicaid Match, and the amount of people on Medicaid is increasing. It is unlikely the Board will be able to pass a levy for new funding, so the Board must exist on their current funding for the next five years. Dr. Royer cautioned the Board against spending what they do not have, as the Board's reserve funding will be needed to sustain services throughout the next five years.

Mr. Myron noted that Butler Behavioral Health Services is not formally seeking additional subsidy funding at this time, as the earliest they could do that would be February, 2010 per existing Board policy. Further discussion regarding this issue can be addressed then.

4.0 FY 2010 First Quarter Report on MACSIS Program Expenditures

Ms. Costello presented the FY 2010 First Quarter Report on MACSIS Program Expenditures. It shows how much agencies are spending out of their FY 2010 budgets and grants. It is the recommendation of the Executive/Planning and Finance Committee to approve the FY 2010 First Quarter Report on MACSIS Program Expenditures.

Ms. Jones moved to approve the FY 2010 First Quarter Report on MACSIS Program Expenditures. Mr. O'Hara seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

B. Board Development Committee November 10, 2009

1.0 Board Development Committee Report

Ms. Amriott presented the Board Development Committee Report. The Board currently has six openings. The Board Development Committee has submitted two recommendations for appointment by the Butler County Commissioners: David Annable and Wayne Mays.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Royer presented his Executive Director's Report to the Board. He provided the results from all of the behavioral health levies that were on the November 3, 2009 ballot throughout the state. The Board will have its first opportunity to be on the ballot in November, 2010. It is recommended the Board attempts for a renewal of their 1.0 mill levy, as new money may be extremely difficult to pass in this economy.

Ms. Katherine Becker announced that the Mayor and Hamilton City Council issued a proclamation making Thursday, October 29, 2009 "Dr. Terry Royer Day" in the city of Hamilton, Ohio in recognition of his long tenure of public service for the mentally ill in Butler County. As of this month, Dr. Royer has worked for the Mental Health Board for 20 years.

A publication from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities was distributed on the topic of state funding for behavioral health services.

Dr. Royer announced he will be out on medical leave until December 7, 2009 starting tomorrow.

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 October was 7.7 beds, making the yearly average usage 7.4 beds. There are currently 9 beds occupied at the state hospital. Dr. Royer shared that the Board has received payment from the Ohio Department of Mental Health of \$585,858 for under usage of the state hospital in FY 2009. He also pointed out that this was not "new" money and had been accounted for as part of this fiscal year's funding.

B. Health Officer Approval

Mr. Fourman presented a list of individuals who have met the requirements and completed the training to be designated as health officers by the Board for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ms. Amriott moved to appoint the recommended Health Officers until June 30, 2010. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

C. Annual Board Training

According to the Ohio Revised Code, each board member is required to participate in one Board training per year. In the past, Cheri Walter of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities has given her "State of the State" presentation. It is a particularly good time to hear this presentation with everything that is going on with ODMH, the state budget, and federal healthcare reform. Ms. Walter is available in February to present this training.

Ms. Desmond moved to schedule the Annual Board Training for Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm. Mr. O'Hara seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

D. December Board and Committee Meetings

Mr. Myron noted that traditionally, the Board does not hold committee meetings or a Board meeting in the month of December unless deemed necessary. A formal motion was requested to cancel the Board and Committee meetings for next month.

Ms. Deis-Gleeson moved to cancel all scheduled Board and Committee Meetings for the month of December, 2009. Ms. Waldo seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

E. Voucher Approval (10/19/09, 10/22/09, 10/27/09, 11/2/09, 11/4/09, 11/5/09, 11/9/09) & Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for October, 2009

Ms. Amriott moved to approve the vouchers dated 10/19/09, 10/22/09, 10/27/09, 11/2/09, 11/4/09, 11/5/09, 11/9/09 & the Payments made by Butler County by Direct Deduction for October, 2009. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

XI GUEST COMMENTS

Mr. John Bohley announced that the next meeting of the Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board will be Thursday, November 19, 2009 starting at 5:30 pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Desmond
Board President-Elect