

BUTLER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
Executive/Planning & Finance Committee
January 5, 2010

The Executive and Planning & Finance Committees of the Butler County Mental Health Board met on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Mental Health Board offices located at 5963 Boymel Drive, Fairfield, Ohio.

I. Call to Order

Board President Bob Myron called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Committee members present were: Laura Amriott, Esq.; David Annable; Pat Deis-Gleeson; David Delgado, MSW; Barbara Desmond; Carol Jones; Bob Myron; Mark O'Hara; Dr. Linda Snow-Griffin; and Deborah Stanton.

Committee members not present were: Wayne Mays and Heather Nguyen.

Staff members present were: Terry D. Royer, PhD; Scott C. Fourman, MS, LPCC-S; Scott Rasmus, PhD, LPCC-S, IMFT; Marion Rhodus; Cassandra Kieseey, Esq.; Lauren Costello; and Amber Reckner.

Guests present were: Katherine A. Becker, Chief Executive Officer for Transitional Living, Inc.; Kim Stricklin, Chief Executive Officer for Butler Behavioral Health Services, Inc; and Tom Gathof, Chief Financial Officer for St. Aloysius Orphanage/Forensic and Mental Health Services.

III. Executive/Planning & Finance Committee Agenda

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 strong 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 for the Committee's review and recommendation. The board operating budget is currently 8.9% under spent or \$126,953.

Ms. Desmond motioned to recommend approval of 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. Amiott moved to recommend approval of the 2010 Board Attorney Contract. Ms. Deis-Gleeson 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. 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 Committee 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 cuts the Board has already sustained. It is anticipated the Board will receive even greater cuts in the next state budget biennium.

Dr. Royer reported that the Board has received \$229,738 in additional 408 funding due to restoration of \$14.7 million drafting error in the state budget which was corrected in budget corrections bill. This increase in 408 funding will also be in effect for FY 2011. The Board also received a one-time increase in 505 funding of \$438,522 for FY 2010. However, it is not anticipated the increase in 505 funding will carry over into 2011. Dr. Royer noted all of the funding increases the Board has received, including the FY 2009 state hospital payback, have already been incorporated into the forecast scenarios. Additionally, the forecast scenarios assume a yearly 7% increase in Medicaid and that the Board's 1.0 mill levy is renewed in FY 2011. The forecast scenarios also assume the federal government will not continue to supplement the Medicaid match at the enhanced rate they are now. The enhanced rate is scheduled to end December 31, 2010.

Mr. Myron suggested recommending Scenario 2 which will maintain current board spending levels for FY 2011 with possible reductions to begin at the start of FY 2012. This would mean that any budget revision requests approved by the Board next month would not include any additional funding.

Ms. Jones moved to recommend approval of the second financial forecast scenario as presented by Board staff which maintains current Board spending levels for FY 2011 with reductions to begin at the start of FY 2012. Mr. O'Hara seconded the motion. The vote carried the motion.

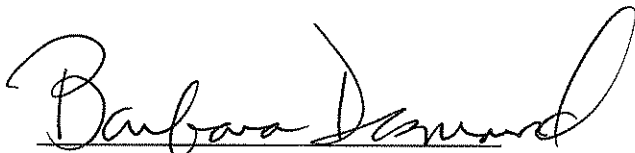
Mr. Myron offered the opportunity for guest comments.

Mr. Kim Stricklin distributed flyers inviting Committee members to 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.

Ms. Kathy Becker announced that Transitional Living, Inc. has transitioned their accounting services contract from Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health to Butler Behavioral Health Services, Inc.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Desmond
Board President-Elect