

Advantage
Behavioral Health Systems
**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE
DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #104**
March 23, 2004

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Conoly Hester – Clarke
Mae Davis – Elbert
Shirley Segars – Barrow
John Davis – Clarke
Pat Ellis - Jackson
R. Charles White - Walton
Donald Hector - Walton

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison
Kenneth Whitehead - Oglethorpe
Jim Hudson – Oconee
Linda Vinson – Walton
Carter Smisson – Jackson
Mary Gannon Gunn - Clarke

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Gail Goldsmith– Morgan
Ralph Danson - Greene
Greene - Vacant

Nick Aguilar – Clarke
Barrow - Vacant

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Cecile Morgan
Terry Tellefson
Tina Tarbox
Linda Hazinski
David Anderson
Laurie Wilburn
Janet McPherson

Larry Gabriel
Cindy Darden
Scott Clark
Brenda Smith
Helen Kabat
Samantha Haug

GUESTS

Boyd McLocklin
Mary O' Toole

Rick Fyock

The meeting was opened by Carter Smisson, Community Service Board (CSB) Chairman at 4:00 p.m.

1.0 ACTIONS

- 1.1 Motion to accept the agenda. Moved (Pat Ellis); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.2. Motion to approve the minutes of the February 24th Community Service Board meeting. Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (Conoly Hester); Seconded (Passed (Unanimously)).

2.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 2.1 Mr. Tellefson reported on penalties. The Division noted that ABHS owed \$119,000 in penalties. ABHS is disputing the penalties but has paid this amount. Mr. Tellefson has submitted correspondence to M. Andrew McCollum, Regional Services Administrator stating, "Per the contract ABHS owed penalties in the amount of \$20,000, and these penalties are in dispute because the CSB Association Attorney noted that this is illegal under the laws of the State of Georgia." Both Mr. Tellefson and Mr. McCollum felt that there is no sense in wasting a lot of effort and animosity until this issue is resolved at the State level.
- 2.2 Cindy Darden, Clinical Director mentioned that an offer has been made for the Medical Director's position.
- 2.3 Mr. Tellefson briefly reported on the Youth Detention Center, Athens, Georgia. The facility will close at the end of this month. He as contacted the local legislators regarding the need for ABHS to obtain the building. He has also contacted Tom Fitz, Chief Executive Officer, St. Mary's Hospital regarding the possibility of a joint venture.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Carter Smisson, CSB Chairman and Mr. Tellefson discussed management attendance at Board meetings. They agreed that Management Team members who submit reports should attend the meetings.
- 3.2 Mr. Tellefson reported that the Management Team had a very successful retreat using a Myers-Briggs test to look at healthy personalities. The Myers-Briggs test is an instrument that was developed to review healthy personality development. He suggested scheduling a Board retreat. The retreat will focus on the test. The Board agreed to schedule a retreat for Thursday, May 6, 2004, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Educational Services Conference Room, Athens, Georgia. Board members will be provided a copy of the test prior to the retreat. They are to complete the test and submit it to the Administrative Office. Dr. Darden and David Anderson, Ph.D., Child & Adolescent Services will score it. Also, the Board addressed the possibility of scheduling events on Saturdays due to members who are employed and/or not available during the week.

4.0 SERVICE REPORTS (Administrative Reports)

- 4.1 John Davis, Athens-Clarke County CSB Representative commended the Detoxification Program staff for the good progress toward cost effectiveness. Last year we were afraid of losing the program due to expenses and budgetary shortfalls.
- 4.2 Dr. Davis noted that Vera Fairman, formerly of the Addictive Diseases Program has joined the Community Relations/Issue Resolution Department. He expressed a desire to increase public relations functions.
- 4.3 Tina Tarbox, Community Relations/Issue Resolution, reported on the CSB Annual Meeting. She has made several attempts to contact the individual whom we had chosen for the keynote speaker. She suggested choosing

another individual for the keynote speaker. The committee will meet Thursday, April 15, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

- 4.4 Dr. Davis expressed a desire for consumers to attend the Spring Fling. Dr. Darden noted that she has not received any information regarding this event.
- 4.5 Board members received a copy of the letter Ms. Hester forwarded to Governor Sonny Perdue regarding audits. Senator Brian Kemp has scheduled an appointment for Mr. Tellefson to meet with the Governor's staff to address this issue.
- 4.6 Board members are interested in the Cultural Diversity Training scheduled in May. Mr. Tellefson will follow up with the date and time of the training.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

- 5.1 Finance Committee – Kenneth Whitehead, Oglethorpe CSB Representative reported that the committee met today and reviewed finances. The State Department of Administrative Services has informed us that they will insure company owned vehicles at the same rate as State owned vehicles. We are exploring the possibilities of an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). These services will include work, substance abuse, stress, marital & family, financial, and legal.
- 5.2 Membership & Nominations Committee – Dr. Davis reported that the Barrow County Commissioners have appointed Emma Evans to the Board. He has contacted Ms. Evans and she agrees to serve on the Board. Also, he noted that the Board has had eight (8) appointments from Greene County in less than twelve (12) months. Hopefully, new Board member orientation will be held prior to the next meeting.
- 5.3 Legislative Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 5.4 Bylaws and Policy Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 5.5 Rights of Persons Served Committee – Shirley Segars, Barrow County CSB Representative reported the committee met today. They reviewed twenty-nine (29) incidents to include seventeen (17) serious, nine (9) critical, and three (3) moderate. Ms. Tarbox had resolved ten (10) issues.
- 5.6 Ad Hoc Annual Report Committee - no report requiring an action.

6.0 REPORT FROM THE CSB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 6.1 Samantha Haug, Team Leader, reported on the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program. This is an organized program based on psychosocial rehabilitation philosophy, principals, and values to assist persons with long-term psychiatric disabilities increase their functioning so that they are successful and satisfied in the environments of their choice with the least amount of on-going professional intervention. Currently, there are twenty-four (24) consumers enrolled whom have been diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and/or major depression. These services are offered in the 10-county area, but transportation is an issue. Individuals are referred from the Clinics and sometimes the hospitals. Dr. Darden noted that this program would be offered in Elbert

County when space is available. Ms. Haug invited Board members to visit the program. The program is located at 189 Paradise Boulevard, Athens, Georgia.

6.2 Mr. Tellefson briefly reported on State finances.

7.0 **REPORT FROM CSB CHAIRMAN**

7.1 Mr. Smisson announced that Board meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. beginning in April 2004. The committee meetings will be held at 3:45 p.m. The change in time for these meetings is due to daylight saving time.

7.2 Mr. Smisson briefly mentioned concerns of communication. Board members will discuss this topic following the Board meeting.

8.0 **PUBLIC ACCESS**

8.1 No one present to address the Board.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

DATE

APPROVED BY: LINDA VINSON
SECRETARY

SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

APPROVED BY: CARTER SMISSON
CHAIRMAN