

Advantage
Behavioral Health Systems
MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE
DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #127
May 23, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison	Linda Vinson – Walton
Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke	R. Charles White – Walton
Carter Smisson – Jackson	John Davis – Athens-Clarke
Ralph Danson - Greene	Emma Evans – Barrow
Donald Hector – Walton	Pat Ellis - Jackson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Greene – Vacant	Oconee – Vacant
Athens-Clarke – Vacant	Oglethorpe - Vacant
Conoly Hester – Athens-Clarke	Mae Davis – Elbert
Gail Goldsmith– Morgan	Shirley Segars – Barrow

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Smith	Terry Tellefson
Cindy Darden	Linda Hazinski
Larry Gabriel	Scott Clark
Terry Frazier	Rosalind Parks
John Hill	Lee Smith

GUESTS

Maria Granda	Kate McDaniel
Julia Jones	

The meeting was opened by Linda Vinson, Community Service Board (CSB) Chairperson at 5:00 p.m.

1.0 ACTIONS

- 1.1 Motion to accept the agenda. Moved (Ralph Danson); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.2 Motion to accept the minutes of the April 25, 2006 CSB Meeting. Moved (Ralph Danson); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to approve that the CSB meet on June 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the AOP Sorority, Athens, Georgia to address contractual and budgetary issues. Moved (Ralph Danson); Seconded (Carter Smisson); Moved (Unanimously).
- 1.4 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).

2.0 AWARDS

- 2.1 Ms. Vinson presented a plaque to Julia Juanita Jones for fourteen (14) years of dedicated services to persons with developmental disabilities. She was employed with Custom Industries in Barrow County and retired in April 2006.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 John Hill, Pharmacy Technician, reported on drug expenditures for the ten (10) county areas. Staff has aggressively registered clients for the Medicare D Plans. Mr. Hill noted that he and Chris Thurmond, Village Drugs carefully reviewed the plans, and they feel that it would be savings of approximately \$500,000 for the entire 10-county areas.

4.0 SERVICE REPORTS (Administrative Reports)

4.1 Helen Kabat is being transitioned from the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Department to a full time clinician. She will be the Lead Therapist for Greene and Morgan County Clinics.

4.2 Cindy Darden, Clinical Director reported on the Suicide Risk Assessment and Risk Management Instructor Training. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) Division of Mental Health, Development Disability, and Addictive Diseases (MHDDAD) has selected ABHS to participate in this project. Rashay Blake, Training Coordinator and Chip Morris, Single Point of Entry (SPOE) have been selected to be the trainers for ABHS. The instructor training will consist of a one-day "live" training and thirty-six (36) hours of self-study. This training will be offered to all clinical staff beginning in September.

4.3 Linda Hazinski, Developmental Disabilities Service Centers, Residential, & Community Employment reported that the hearing for our appeal of Medicaid audit was scheduled for June 6, 2006, but the Department of Community Health (DCH) has requested a continuance. The hearing date probably will be rescheduled for August 2006.

4.4 Dr. Darden reported that ABHS is gearing up for managed care for Medicaid. Effective June 1st, Barrow and Walton counties will make the transition to managed care.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Finance Committee – Larry Gabriel, Business Manager reported the committee met today and discussed financial statements for the period ended April 30, 2006. Private insurance revenue is higher due to payments received for our Child & Adolescent Program. There will be an equal decrease in Outpatient Medicaid Fees Revenue over the next few months. Contracts expenses are high due to contracts with doctor and nurse staffing, personal care homes, and Child & Adolescent clinicians.

5.2 Membership & Nominations Committee – no report requiring an action.

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 – Pat Ellis, Jackson County CSB Representative reported the committee met today. They reviewed incident reports: March 2006 – twenty-six (26) serious, six (6) critical, and six (6) minor; April 2006 – seventeen (17) serious, eleven (11) critical, and five (5) minor. Nine issues have been resolved during the months of March and April.

5.6 Ad Hoc Awards Committee – no report requiring an action.

5.7 Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Committee – Mary Gannon Gunn, Chair Person reported that the Mental Health Association and ABHS will host an annual meeting and dinner June 27, 2006 at the AOP Sorority, Athens, Georgia.

The meeting will focus on “Mental Health Court, Crisis Stabilization Unit, Partners for a Prosperous Athens, and Breaking the Silence”. Donation is \$16 per person and the invitations will be distributed this week. Ms. Gunn noted that May is national Mental Health month. Earth Fare is hosting a cook-out on May 27th and all proceeds will be given to the Mental Health Association.

5.8 Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee – no report requiring an action.

6.0 **REPORTS FROM THE CSB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

6.1 Mr. Tellefson reported on the Single Point of Entry (SPOE). The Division has recently selected Behavioral Health Link (BHL) as the agency to implement Georgia’s first, Statewide Crisis and Access Line as our single point of contact for services. This implementation is scheduled to begin July 1, 2006.

6.2 Mr. Tellefson noted that a reception has been planned to honor Dr. Timothy Gibson. Dr. Gibson served as the Medical Director for the Addictive Disease Program on Miles Street for several years. The reception will be held at the Taylor Grady House, Athens, Georgia, May 31, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

7.0 **REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRPERSON**

7.1 Ms. Vinson reported a meeting has been scheduled for May 24th to address the FY2007 Strategic Plan.

8.0 **PUBLIC ACCESS**

8.1 No one present to address the Board.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

DATE

APPROVED BY: RALPH DANSON
SECRETARY

SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

APPROVED BY: LINDA VINSON
CHAIR PERSON