

Advantage

Behavioral Health Systems

MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #130

August 22, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison
Shirley Segars – Barrow
Carter Smisson – Jackson
Ralph Danson - Greene
R. Charles White – Walton
John Davis – Athens-Clarke

Linda Vinson – Walton
Douglas Bower - Oglethorpe
Pat Ellis - Jackson
Katie McDaniel - Oconee
Conoly Hester – Athens-Clarke

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Emma Evans – Barrow
Gail Goldsmith– Morgan
Mae Davis – Elbert

Donald Hector – Walton
Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Smith
Cindy Darden
Larry Gabriel
Terry Frazier

Terry Tellefson
Frances Torres
Scott Clark

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 as amended. Moved (Ralph Danson); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.2 Motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2006 CSB Meeting. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Carter Smisson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to accept executive session of the meeting. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.4 Motion to return to the open session of the meeting. Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Seconded (Conoly Hester); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.5 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).

2.0 OATH OF OFFICE

- 2.1 Ms. Vinson introduced Douglas Bower. Mr. Bower was sworn into office and will serve as the representative for Oglethorpe County.

3.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

3.1 The Board addressed a personnel issue. Board members, Mr. Tellefson, and Michael Daniel, Attorney were in attendance. No actions were taken.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 David Sweat, Superior Court Judge in the Western Division Circuit briefly expressed his appreciation and gratitude to ABHS for promoting the health and well-being of people in our community who have MHDDAD problems. Judge Sweat is working toward setting up a Mental Health Court.

4.2 Frances Torres, Coordinator of the Child & Adolescent Program reported on ABHS partnership with the Clarke County School System. Beginning in January 2006, ABHS met with Dr. Lewis Holloway, Superintendent, regarding placing counselors in a variety of the school settings. In March 2006, ABHS endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which covers the entire Clarke County School System. This will enable ABHS to partner with each individual school and place counselors in the elementary, middle and high schools. A year ago, ABHS partnered with Rutland Psycho-educational Center located in Athens Georgia. Counselors provide direct therapeutic services in the schools and enroll children and families in services that deem necessary. ABHS also provides these services in the Madison and Oglethorpe counties school systems. Ms. Torres noted that "Certainly, ABHS is interested in expanding these services in several other counties, i.e., Greene, Morgan".

4.3 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

4.3.1 Dr. Darden reported that the Morgan County Clinic will be closed at the end of September. ABHS staff and Gail Goldsmith, Morgan County CSB Representative has met with the commissioners regarding this issue. Staff is in the process of notifying clients, determining whether or not they will need transportation to Greene County, and arranging for their first appointment. The same staff has served both Greene and Morgan counties, so, a change in providers will not be required.

4.3.2 Dr. Hazinski reported that ABHS has received 80% of back pay from Medicaid Waiver.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Finance Committee – Larry Gabriel, Business Financial Officer distributed and presented the financial report. The committee met today and addressed the report prior to the distribution and presentation. The revenues were estimated compared to the June 2006 revenues.

5.2 Membership & Nominations Committee – John H. Davis, Committee Chairman reported on the Board's membership based on the revised legislation. ABHS board consists of sixteen (16) members, Clarke County having three (3) representatives and Greene County having one (1). Dr. Davis noted that he will contact Board members who have been absent consecutively regarding their attendance. Orientation was held last week for new board members.

- 5.3 Legislative Committee – no report requiring an action. Ms. Vinson noted that Mary Gannon Gunn, Athens-Clarke County CSB Representative has requested to be appointed to the committee. Ms. Vinson asked Board members to notify her of changes to appointment of committees. She will revise and distribute the document to Board members.
- 5.4 Bylaws and Policy Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 5.5 Rights of Persons Served Committee – Shirley Segars, Committee Chairperson reported the committee met today. They reviewed incident reports to include sixteen (16) minor, fourteen (14) critical and fourteen (14) serious. Six issues had been resolved.
- 5.6 Ad Hoc Awards Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 5.7 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 CSB Association Conference. It will be held October 15-19, 2006 in Augusta, Georgia. There are five (5) slots available for Board members. Interested Board members should contact the Administrative Office by the first week in September.

7.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRPERSON

- 7.1 Ms. Vinson suggested scheduling a CSB Work Day. The board agreed to schedule the event on September 6, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ms. Vinson requested a revised copy of the Board's mailing list and committees. The Administrative Office will follow up.

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