

Advantage
Behavioral Health Systems
**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE
DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #133**
November 28, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison
Carter Smisson – Jackson
Ralph Danson - Greene
Donald Hector – Walton
John Davis – Athens-Clarke
Emma Evans – Barrow

Douglas Bower - Oglethorpe
Pat Ellis - Jackson
R. Charles White – Walton
Katie McDaniel - Oconee
Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Vinson – Walton
Vacant – Morgan
Vacant – Athens-Clarke

Mae Davis – Elbert
Shirley Segars – Barrow

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Smith
Cindy Darden
Larry Gabriel
Andrew Neighbors

Laurie Wilburn
Michael Dock
Scott Clark

GUESTS

Boyd McLocklin

The meeting was opened by Pat Ellis, Community Service Board (CSB) Vice Chairperson at 4:00 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 October 24, 2006 CSB Meeting. Moved (Carter Smisson); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to accept the 2007 Slate of Officers. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Carter Smisson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.4 Motion to arrange a Christmas basket for Terry Tellefson (see 6.0 Report from CSB Clinical Director). Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Seconded (Kate McDaniel); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.5 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (John H. Davis).

2.0 AWARDS

- 2.1 Ms. Ellis presented a plaque to Betsy C. Peck. Ms. Peck retired from Advantage after thirty-four (34) years of dedicated services. She held

several different positions, but her primary identity was associated with the Management Information System (MIS).

- 2.2 The Board recognized Gail Goldsmith, CSB Representative for Morgan County. Ms. Goldsmith served five (5) dedicated years and resigned from these duties in October, 2006.

3.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

- 3.1 Laurie Wilburn, Outpatient Coordinator for Mental Health reported on the Navy School application. ABHS proposes to reuse property at the west end of the Navy Supply School for a "One-Stop Shop". The facility will be open to all individuals and families who are homeless or are in imminent risk of homelessness. Services will be available for both the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population. This request is for additional space so that ABHS can expand services, add new services such as group training and skill-building activities during the day when the shelters are closed, and provide all services from one location, thereby improving the ability of the Homeless population to link to the services they need. Michael Dock, Manager, Shelter Plus Care, reported that ABHS proposes to reuse the housing area known as Gilmore Circle to provide transitional housing for homeless families and women. It combines the principles of the Transitional Housing and Shelter Plus Care programs. John Davis, Clarke County CSB Representative encouraged Ms. Wilburn to contact the Soup Kitchen for collaborative efforts in the "One-Stop Shop". Ms. Wilburn noted that a meeting is scheduled on November 29, 2006 to address the different proposals for the property.

3.2 **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

3.2.1 Dr. Darden announced that ABHS has a new Medical Director, Shazad Hashmi, MD. He was a general practice physician prior to becoming a psychiatrist. He has a particular interest in geriatric psychiatry. Dr. Hashmi will oversee the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP) as well as serve as the Medical Director. Dr. Davis encouraged that Dr. Hashmi has contacts with Council on Aging.

3.2.2 Dr. Darden reported that each CSB has been requested to submit a corrective action plan to the Department of Human Resources (DHR) that will ensure that all of the encounters that they have with clients whose services are paid for through the state contract are reported in a timely fashion. Our goal is try to make the 100% encounter mark by December 1st.

3.2.3 Dr. Davis highlighted on the DDRS Progress Review. The newsletter details information regarding clients and staff in the DDRS programs. He suggested submitting the information for news articles in the 10-county area newspapers.

4.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 4.1 Dr. Darden reported on the Department of Community Health (DCH) mediation. DCH conducted a Medicaid audit of the Assertive Community Team (ACT). DCH, ABHS and the Administrative Law Judge have

addressed the audit in details. ABHS was awarded a settlement of \$25,500.

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. Mr. Gabriel presented on the revenues and expenditures compared to the budget period ending October 31, 2006. Ralph Danson, Greene County CSB Representative recommended that Board members be educated regarding financial issues at the next Board Work Day. He encouraged Board members to attend the Finance Committee Meeting scheduled in January 2007 at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Darden noted that the Management Team will address “Talking Points” to be distributed to Board members to use when communicating with the legislators.
- 5.2** Membership & Nominations Committee – Dr. Davis, Committee Chairman reported on the 2007 Slate of Officers. They are: Linda Vinson – Chair Person; Pat Ellis – Vice Chair Person; and Ralph Danson – Secretary.
- 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 – Mary Jo Matthews, Committee Member reported that the committee met November 20, 2006. They reviewed incident reports to include twenty-one (21) serious, eleven (11) critical and four (4) minor. They reviewed nine (9) complaints of which eight (8) were resolved and one (1) pending investigation.
- 5.6** Ad Hoc Awards Committee – see Awards 2.0.
- 5.7** Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee – Ms. Ellis, Committee Chairperson reported on the Athens Holiday Lights (AHL). AHL is a drive-through lighting spectacular at Sandy Creek Park, Athens, Georgia with thirty (30) large displays. The event starts at 6pm to 9:30pm daily including holidays through New Year’s Day. The cost is \$10 per car or van Friday – Sunday and \$7 per car or van Monday – Thursday. Proceeds will benefit the work of Family Connection and Communities In Schools and ABHS. Ms. Ellis distributed posters and a public service announcement for Board members to display.

6.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CLINICAL DIRECTOR

- 6.1** Dr. Darden reported that Terry Tellefson, Chief Executive Officer is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. He was experiencing chest pains and was admitted to Athens Regional Medical Center (ARMC). The doctors performed a battery of tests and determined considerable blockage in several of his coronary arteries. Ms. Matthews recommended arranging and preparing a Christmas basket for Mr. Tellefson. The Board agreed.
- 6.2** Dr. Darden reported on the contractual move to fee for services. The date that Child & Adolescent services will switch to fee-for-service contract with the State will be April 1, 2007. All other services will switch in October, 2007. Dr. Davis suggested that information regarding fee for service be

included on the 'Talking Point' document. This information will also be addressed at the next CSB Work Day.

7.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB VICE CHAIRPERSON

7.1 Ms. Ellis reported on the legislative day at the Capitol. Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Day is scheduled to be held in February 2007. She recommended having a CSB Work Day to address issues prior to contacting the legislators. The work day is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2007.

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