

Advantage
Behavioral Health Systems
**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND
ADDICTIVE DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #138**
May 22, 2007

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison
Shirley Segars – Barrow
Ralph Danson - Greene
Donald Hector – Walton
John Davis – Athens-Clarke

Linda Vinson – Walton
Mae Davis – Elbert
Emma Evans – Barrow
Katie McDaniel - Oconee
Douglas Bower – Oglethorpe

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Vacant – Morgan

R. Charles White – Walton

Vacant – Athens-Clarke
Pat Ellis – Jackson

Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke
Carter Smisson – Jackson

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Smith
Linda Hazinski
Cindy Darden

Terry Tellefson
Larry Gabriel
Barbara Reid

GUESTS

Linda Canup

Jim Jenkins

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 April 24, 2007 CSB Meeting. Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Seconded (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (Ralph Danson).

2.0 AWARDS

- 2.1 Barbara Reid, Director of Elbert and Jackson Counties Developmental Disabilities Programs reported that Jackson Creative was recognized as the small business of the year. The program received the recognition at the Chamber of Commerce 2007 Annual Award Banquet.
- 2.2 Ms. Vinson presented a plaque to Linda Canup. Ms. Canup retired in April 2007 with thirty-four (34) years of dedicated services.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3.1.1 The Clinical Services Report highlighted on the Alternative School contract. ABHS is in negotiations with the Clarke County School District to contract with them to provide an alternative school for elementary aged students who would otherwise be suspended from school for a period of time. Dr. Davis recommended including a parent and/or family support component to the curriculum.

3.1.2 Cindy Darden, Clinical Director reported that the Management Team will meet on May 23rd to determine the agency-wide goals and objectives for the FY2008 Strategic Plan. Rather than having a community-wide meeting, Management agreed to draft the plan and recommend the Board's approval of the final document. Dr. Darden noted that Board Members may attend the meeting.

3.1.3 Linda Hazinski, Developmental Disabilities Centers and Community Employment reported that effective the first of June, fourteen (14) residential clients will move from Personal Care Homes to their own apartments. ABHS Mental Health Residential Services is renting eight (8) apartments at The Park on Broad Street for clients who have severe mental health issues. This move is not only an effort to provide best practices, but will also save approximately \$5700 per month.

3.1.4 Mr. Tellefson reported on the Fine Finish facility. He and staff have met with Wesley Nash, Madison County Commissioner regarding this issue. The county plans to renovate the facility, but in the meantime, they will block off part of the building for staff to use as office space.

3.1.5 Dr. Hazinski reported that the consumers participating in the Homeless Oconee Project (formerly Crawford House) will be moving into their duplexes by the end of the month.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Mr. Tellefson reported on the Department of Community Health. ABHS was awarded approximately \$250,000 due to the audit conducted on the Medicaid records.

5.0 BOARD REPORTS

5.1 Finance Committee – Larry Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer presented the financial report to include revenue and expenditures compared to the budget period ending April 30, 2007. Ralph Danson, Committee Chairman, noted, "We will be reviewing very closely the cost of services that may be eliminated in the future. The Finance Committee is recommending having a Board Work Session in August".

5.2 Membership & Nominations Committee – Dr. Davis reported that the Board needs clarification regarding membership. Currently,

there are two (2) slots vacant – Athens-Clarke and Morgan counties. Mr. Tellefson suggested tabling the recruitment process until the Board receives the revised bylaws.

- 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 – no report requiring an action.
- 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 that the State reimbursed ABHS \$140,000 due to the opening of the Crisis Stabilization Program (CSP). ABHS is seeking alternate streams for C&A Services. Staff has met with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) regarding contract services.
- 6.2 Mr. Tellefson reported that the ABHS and Mental Health America of Northeast Georgia Annual Dinner and Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 6:30 pm 1190 S. Milledge Avenue, Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority House, Athens, Georgia 30605. The tickets are \$16. He encouraged Board members to attend.

7.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRPERSON

- 7.1 Ms. Vinson reminded the Board of the Employee Picnic. The event will be held June 2, 2007, 1-5:00 p.m. at the Harris Shoals Park, Watkinsville, Georgia.
- 7.2 The Board scheduled a Work Session to be held on August 8, 2007, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Athens, Georgia. Mary Jo Matthews, Madison County CSB Representative requested scheduling a tour of ABHS sites. The Board agreed to visit sites on July 18, 2007, leaving the North Avenue Building at 10:00 a.m.
- 7.3 Dr. Davis mentioned the Board Self Assessment and the CEO evaluation. Dr. Davis recommended reviewing and completing the documents on the CSB Work Day or at the Board meeting.
- 7.4 Mr. Danson reported on the Georgia CSB Association Retreat, May 10th in Dublin, Georgia. Mr. Danson reminded Board members to review the Education Training Manual, complete and submit the certification form to the Administrative Office.
- 7.5 Mr. Danson reported on the Georgia CSB Association 10th Annual Conference, Managing with a Vision. The conference will be held September 23-25, 2007 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Interested Board members may contact the Administrative Office regarding registration.

8.0 PUBLIC ACCESS

- 8.1 No one present to address the Board.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

DANSON

DATE

APPROVED BY: RALPH

SECRETARY

SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

APPROVED BY: LINDA VINSON
CHAIR PERSON