

Advantage

Behavioral Health Systems

MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #126

April 25, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mary Jo Matthews – Madison
Mae Davis – Elbert
Carter Smisson – Jackson
Ralph Danson - Greene
Donald Hector – Walton

Linda Vinson – Walton
R. Charles White – Walton
John Davis – Athens-Clarke
Emma Evans – Barrow

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Greene – Vacant
Athens-Clarke – Vacant
Oglethorpe - Vacant
Gail Goldsmith– Morgan
Shirley Segars – Barrow

Pat Ellis - Jackson
Oconee – Vacant
Conoly Hester – Athens-Clarke
Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

Brenda Smith
Helen Kabat
Larry Gabriel
Terry Frazier
John Hill

Terry Tellefson
Cindy Darden
Scott Clark
Robin Johnson, Medical Director
Barbara Reid

GUESTS

Maria Granda
Tiffanie NaKia Towns
Mmaja Ajobu
Janice Pulliam

Kate McDaniel
James Lloyd
Delores Lee-Hill
Dianne Sims

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 (Carter Smisson); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.2 Motion to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2006 CSB Meeting. Moved (Carter Smisson); Seconded (Ralph Danson); 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 open session of the meeting. Moved (Mae Davis); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.5 Motion to approve that the CSB Board supports the offer that has been made in negotiations with Linda Lloyd. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.6 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).

2.0 AWARDS

- 2.1 Ms. Vinson presented a plaque to Dianne Sims for thirty-four (34) years of dedicated services to persons with developmental disabilities. Ms. Sims is one of the very rare staff members who started out and remain with the clients at one unit for her entire career. She was employed with Qualitech Industries in Elbert County and retired in March 2006.
- 2.2 Ms. Vinson presented the 'Commitment to Services Award' to Elizabeth 'Ede' Estes, Child and Adolescent Services.

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 OLD BUSINESS

- 4.1 Mr. Tellefson reported on the Magellan Managed Care contracts. The contracts have been endorsed and Magellan will provide training for ABHS staff in May.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 5.1 Robin Johnson, Medical Director reported on pharmacy issues. She stressed that ABHS has always helped clients obtain their medications, but once the Medicare Part D enrollment period is completed, some clients will be very unhappy because ABHS will not be financially able to provide free medications. Dr. Johnson noted that ABHS will be able to assist a small percentage of clients who do not have any resources for purchasing medications. She distributed handouts regarding two (2) medications – Naltrexone (intramuscular) and Cymbalta. Naltrexone was approved by FDA and is expected to be in pharmacies next month. This medication is only injection approved for the treatment of alcohol addiction. Cymbalta is manufactured by the same company that made Prozac. This medication is called a dual action antidepressant. John Hill, Pharmacy Technician will present on the drug expenditures at the next CSB Meeting.

6.0 SERVICE REPORTS (Administrative Reports)

- 6.1 Cindy Darden, Clinical Director reported on the statewide Single Point of Entry (SPOE) for mental health and addictive diseases services. A proposal has been distributed but the contract has not been awarded. CSBs were not allowed to submit a proposal for this service. The statewide SPOE will be in operation July 1, 2006.

7.0 BOARD REPORTS

- 7.1 Finance Committee – Ralph Danson, Greene County CSB Representative reported on revenues and expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2006. The committee met today and discussed financial statements.
- 7.2 Membership & Nominations Committee – Dr. Davis, Committee Chairman reported that three (3) candidates have been identified to be appointed to the Board. The State has approved legislation HB1223 regarding the percentage for Board membership. Currently this Board has eighteen (18) slots for membership, but the new legislation notes that this Board is limited to thirteen (13) slots. The Board will carefully review the legislation

and hopefully orientation will be held for new members prior to the next meeting.

- 7.3 Legislative Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 7.4 Bylaws and Policy Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 7.5 Rights of Persons Served Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 7.6 Ad Hoc Awards Committee – see Awards 2.2.
- 7.7 Ad Hoc Annual Meeting Committee – no report requiring an action.
- 7.8 Ad Hoc Public Relations Committee – no report requiring an action.

8.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- 8.1 Mr. Tellefson noted that he is scheduled for surgery on April 27th. He will be recovering 3-5 weeks. In his absence, Dr. Darden will be responsible for the clinical areas and Larry Gabriel, Financial Officer will be responsible for financials.
- 8.2 Mr. Tellefson reported that ABHS has endorsed a memorandum of agreement with Clarke County School System. This will allow ABHS to provide services in the schools. David Anderson, Ph.D., Manager, Child & Adolescent Services will report on this issue at a later date.
- 8.3 Mr. Tellefson reported on contract issues. The CSB Association has hired a counselor to assist the CSBs with the language of the contracts. The contract effective July 1 will be for adults and children. The Developmental Disabilities section will participate in individual contracting for services.

9.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRPERSON

- 9.1 Ms. Vinson stated, “The Board appreciates staff’s hard work.”

10.0 PUBLIC ACCESS

- 10.1 Ms. Vinson noted that the Board’s bylaws and policy states that the Board may employ or contract legal counsel to assist them in performing in duties and shall be authorized to appoint legal counsel to represent the Board, its members and/or employees. Mr. Daniel will be available to entertain questions directed to the Board. Tiffanie NaKia Towns and community leaders addressed issues regarding a pending lawsuit.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

DATE

APPROVED BY: RALPH DANSON
SECRETARY

SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

APPROVED BY: LINDA VINSON
CHAIR PERSON