

# Advantage

Behavioral Health Systems

## MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #140

July 24, 2007

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

Linda Vinson – Walton  
Pat Ellis – Jackson  
Katie McDaniel - Oconee  
Mae Davis – Elbert  
R. Charles White – Walton

### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Vacant – Morgan  
Vacant – Athens-Clarke  
Douglas Bower – Oglethorpe

Shirley Segars – Barrow  
Mary Gannon Gunn – Athens-Clarke

### **ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT**

Brenda Smith  
Linda Hazinski  
Cindy Darden  
Phyllis Willingham  
Samuel Jallah  
Wade Thurmond  
Laurie Wilburn

Terry Frazier  
Larry Gabriel  
Terry Tellefson  
Rhona Jones  
Sandra Conton  
Giovanna Wheeler

### **GUESTS**

Caroline Dagadu

**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 June 26, 2007 CSB Meeting. Moved (Pat Ellis); Seconded (John H. Davis); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to empower Terry Tellefson, Chief Executive Officer to endorse the 2008 Department of Human Resources (DHR) contract. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Ralph Danson); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.4 Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved (John H. Davis); Seconded (Mary Jo Matthews); Passed (Unanimously).

## **2.0 AWARDS**

- 2.1** Ms. Vinson presented Employee Recognition Awards to the following staff:
- a)** Commitment to Services Award - Samuel Jallah, Assertive Community Team (ACT);
  - b)** Excellence in Management – Vicki Rodrigues, Interim Director for Management Information Systems; and
  - c)** Excellence in Administrative Support – Giovanna Wheeler, Intake/Emergency Services.
- 2.2** Ms. Vinson presented a plaque to Caroline Dagadu. Ms. Dagadu retired in June with seventeen (17) years of dedicated services in the Addictive Diseases Program.

## **3.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**3.1** Mr. Tellefson requested the Board's approval to endorse the Department of Human Resources contract. The resolution reads, "Be it resolved that the Community Service Board for Advantage Behavioral Health Systems does hereby authorize **Terry Tellefson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** to endorse the 2008 Department of Human Resources contract. Passed this **24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007**". The Board approved.

**3.2** Laurie Wilburn, Adult Mental Health Services Coordinator reported on the Navy Supply Corps School Reuse Plan. The process started in May, 2005 when it was announced the Navy School would be closing in Athens, Georgia. A plan was developed by the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA) and submitted to the Navy School. Six separate Notices of Interest were sent to the LRA under the umbrella of the Northeast Georgia Homeless Coalition. Each Notice of Interest had a sponsoring agency, with Advantage sponsoring two (2) different applications. The LRA voted unanimously to accommodate the six (6) proposals from the Northeast Georgia Homeless Coalition off-site. Plans call for the University of Georgia (UGA) or the private developer who takes over the base to pay about \$7.9 million to a holding corporation created by the LRA. That corporation's board would find land in the North Avenue area, near other Athens social service agencies, then build or renovate about 51,000 square feet of office and residential space and lease it free to a coalition of five (5) nonprofit groups. It also would pay for repairs and maintenance for 50 years. The space would include an emergency shelter for children, transitional housing for homeless women and families, medical and dental clinics, day care, a day shelter, counseling programs and administrative offices. The facilities would be run by Advantage Behavioral Health Systems, the Athens Area Homeless Shelter, AIDS Athens, Athens-Oconee CASA and the Interfaith Hospitality Network under one umbrella nonprofit called Athens Resource Center for the Homeless.

**3.3** Ms. Wilburn mentioned ABHS was awarded the Mental Health Court Planning grant. Beginning in the late fall, there will be a Mental Health Court in Athens, Georgia.

**3.4** Linda Hazinski, Developmental Disabilities and Community Employment reported on person centered training. The state sponsored five (5) agencies to receive detailed training in person centered planning. Four provider

organizations will be selected to participate in the Good to Great during FY2008. They will be committing to intensive education and testing change strategies beginning in September 2007 and concluding with a celebration of success in June 2008. Dr. Hazinski will submit a proposal, and if ABHS is selected, the agency would need to commit to attend several of the workshops to include management and board members. Interested board members are: Kate McDaniel, Mary Jo Matthews, John Davis, Pat Ellis, Carter Smisson, and Ralph Danson. Dr. Hazinski will update on a later date.

### **3.5 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**3.5.1** Cindy Darden, Clinical Director reported that Child and Adolescent Services was recently awarded a contract with the Clarke County School District for \$275,000. Its purpose is to provide therapeutic/educational program for children, grades K-5, who are struggling to meet their site based school behavioral and educational expectations. Also, the children will be screened for possible mental health issues.

**3.5.2** Dr. Darden reported that the Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) survey will be in September or October 2008.

## **4.0 BOARD REPORTS**

**4.1** Finance Committee – Larry Gabriel, Chief Financial Officer presented the financial report to include revenue and expenditures compared to the budget period ending June 30, 2007. Budget planning will be addressed at the CSB Work Day.

**4.2** Membership & Nominations Committee – Dr. Davis thanked Board members for their commitment. He distributed a letter for Board members to review which included expiration dates of his/her term and expressing their willingness and/or ability to continue their duties. He requested that they review, endorse, and return the document to him. According to the law, the board may have up to thirteen (13) positions, but allowed to have up to sixteen (16) positions. Currently, there are fourteen (14) members on the Board, and two (2) vacant slots, Clarke and Morgan counties. He will begin active recruitment for the positions.

**4.3** Legislative Committee – no report requiring an action.

**4.4** Bylaws and Policy Committee – Ms. Matthews, Committee Chair Person reported that the committee met with members of the Membership & Nomination Committee and reviewed the revised CSB Bylaws. They recommended some minor changes. The proposed changes will be submitted to the attorney.

**4.5** Rights of Persons Served Committee – Pat Ellis, Jackson County CSB Representative reported the committee met today. They reviewed incidents reports and complaints for the month of June. Incident reports included one (1) minor, seven (7) critical, and thirteen (13) serious. There were ten (10) issues reported and all are resolved.

Ms. Ellis reported on the CSB site visits on July 18<sup>th</sup>. They toured the North Avenue facility (Peer Supports and the Athens-Clinic), Miles Street facility (ACT, Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), and Psychosocial Rehab Services), Residential Services Apartments, and Women's Services.

4.6 Ad Hoc Awards Committee – See Awards 2.0.

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

**5.0 REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

5.1 Mr. Tellefson thanked the Board members for the dinner platter they sent during his recovery.

**6.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRPERSON**

6.1 Ms. Vinson reported that the CSB Work Day will be August 8, 2007. She encouraged the Board's participation.

6.2 The CSB Association Annual Conference will be September 23-25, 2007 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Board members interested in attending are Mae Davis, John Davis, Ralph Danson, Carter Smisson, and Linda Vinson.

**7.0 PUBLIC ACCESS**

7.1 No one present to address the Board.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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APPROVED BY: RALPH DANSON  
SECRETARY

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SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

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APPROVED BY: LINDA VINSON  
CHAIR PERSON