

Advantage
Behavioral Health Systems
**MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND ADDICTIVE
DISEASES SERVICE BOARD MEETING #217**
September 23, 2014

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Vinson – Walton
Shirley Segars – Barrow
Mary Jo Matthews – Madison

Frusanna Hayes – Morgan
Mae Davis – Elbert
R. Charles White – Walton

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Doc Eldridge – Athens-Clarke (EX)
Vacant – Oconee
Vacant – Barrow
Vacant – Oglethorpe
Vacant – Greene

Pat Ellis – Jackson (EX)
Vacant - Athens-Clarke
Vacant – Athens-Clarke
Vacant – Jackson

ADVANTAGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS STAFF PRESENT

O. J. Booker
Janice Callaway
Sherrie Maxwell
Tammy Dalton
Evan Mills

Steve Barber
Barbara Geter
Brenda Smith
Nicolette Tobin

The meeting was opened by Linda Vinson, Community Service Board (CSB) Vice Chairperson.

1.0 ACTIONS

- 1.1 Motion to approve the agenda. Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Seconded (Shirley Segars); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.2 Motion to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2014 CSB Meeting. Moved (Shirley Segars); Seconded (Frusanna Hayes): Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.3 Motion to approve the Resolution (see 3.4 Reports from CSB Director) as written. Moved (Charles White); Seconded (Frusanna Hayes); Passed (Unanimously).
- 1.4 Motion to adjourn. Moved (Mary Jo Matthews); Passed (Unanimously).

2.0 PRESENTATION – HIV EDUCATION

- 2.1 Neil Griffith, Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Educator presented an overview of the HIV Program including history and statistics in Georgia. ABHS has secured exclusive HIV Education and Testing contract with the State Department of Corrections (Athens Day Reporting Center). Mr. Griffith provides HIV testing for inmates in the Walton County Jail Medical Unit; advanced HIV training to Advantage nursing staff; and HIV education and testing opportunities to Advantage clients in the ten (10) counties and most programs.

3.0 REPORTS FROM CSB DIRECTOR

- 3.1 Mr. Booker reported on the State of the Agency Address which he delivered on September 10th. He highlighted on the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) survey, the Employee Picnic, Core Redesign Standards, retail

pharmacy, Morgan County needs assessment and the new logo. Board members were provided a hard copy of the speech for review.

3.2 Mr. Booker reported the CARF survey is being conducted September 22 – 24, 2014 and it is being an outstanding success. The CARF Exit Meeting will be held on September 24th at 1:00 pm in the ABHS Training Room. He encouraged Board members to attend. Laurie Wilburn Bailey, Clinical Director updated on the survey. The survey is going really well. The Surveyors have been complimentary of ABHS clients, programs, services and staff. They have provided some feedback however; no serious recommendations have been shared thus far.

3.3 Mr. Booker noted that the meal served today was courtesy of Salveo, Staffing Company, Shahzad Hashmi, Medical Director. The Board was grateful for the meal; Mr. Booker will follow up with a 'Thank You Note'.

3.4 Evan Mills, Director of Business Development reported on grant opportunities. ABHS was awarded grant funding through the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for Rapid Re-Housing Program, Prevention Assistance, S.O.A.R., Harm Reduction Program, and the Shelter Plus Care Services Program. Mr. Booker read the following resolution for the Board's approval for submission with the grant documents which is a requirement of DCA:

WHEREAS, Advantage Behavioral Health System (ABHS) (hereinafter referred to as "Organization") has been offered an award of funds (the "Agreement") from the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority for ESG, S+C Matching and/or HOPWA programs serving eligible clients (as applicable); and

WHEREAS, Organization has reviewed the Agreement and finds the terms to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, Organization acknowledges that payment under each program will be based on representations and certifications made by officials of Organizations, as designated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing authority of Organization that the terms of the Agreement be accepted by Organization and that the following officers or members specifically named by Organization, be authorized to accept the terms of the Agreement and to sign and all pertinent documents pertaining thereto on behalf of Organization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following persons be authorized (at least 2 signatures are required per draw) to draw funds from DCA on behalf of Organization:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be executed in two parts, and together with a **certified copy of the minutes of the meeting**, returned as an exhibit to each Agreement as follows: State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless, GA Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Read and approved by Organization on this the 23rd day of September, 2014.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (Received in Board packages for review.)

4.1.1 Mr. Evans reported that ABHS was awarded the SAMSHA/BJA Joint Adult Drug Court Expansion Grant in the amount of \$947,884 which outlined the existing partnership with the Piedmont Judicial Circuit. Of the funds, \$647,884 will be provided to ABHS for enhancing drug treatment services to individuals participating in the Jackson County Drug Treatment Court. The program will be for a three (3) years term; program planning and implementation is slated to begin October 1, 2014.

4.1.2 Barbara Geter, Ph.D., Developmental Disabilities mentioned the feedback received from the CARF surveyor regarding DD services is complimentary. The surveyor has interviewed clients, staff and visited some of the DD sites.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 No information to report.

7.0 BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Finance Work Group – Ms. Vinson reported the Workgroup met today and recommends deferring this month’s report to October 2014 due to lack of staff support in the Business Office. Three staff has resigned in the past couple of months; however Steve Barber, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is in the process of rehiring for those positions.

7.2 Recruitment & Retention Work Group – Fru Hayes, Workgroup Chairperson reported on a possible candidate for representing the Greene County population. She and Mr. Booker are scheduled to meet with the Jackson County Manager on October 1, 2014 to identify a county official to serve on the Board. Doc Eldridge, CSB Chairman is assisting in getting candidates to represent Athens-Clarke County. Mr. Booker noted that Dennise Grayson, Oconee County Representative resigned due to family obligations.

7.3 Advocacy & Awareness Work Group – no report requiring an action.

7.4 Bylaws and Policy Work Group – no report requiring an action.

7.5 Rights of Persons Served Work Group – Mae Davis, Chairperson reported they met and reviewed thirty-five (35) incidents that occurred in August 2014.

7.6 Board Education & Planning Work Group – Charles White, Chairman reported that next month staff will do a presentation on the Early Re-Entry Housing Program.

7.7 Ad Hoc Friends of Advantage Committee – Tammy Dalton reported a planning meeting has been scheduled for October 7th to discuss the CSB Annual Meeting. She noted that Mr. Booker will present at the October 9th FOA Meeting. Board members received an invitation to the Employee Picnic, October 3rd, 1-5pm at Sandy Creek Park, Athens, Georgia.

7.8 Staff Support Work Group – no report requiring an action.

7.9 CSB Association Update – no report requiring an action.

8.0 REPORTS FROM THE CSB CHAIRMAN

8.1 No information to report.

9.0 PUBLIC ACCESS

9.1 No one present to address the Board.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

DATE

APPROVED BY: Dennise Grayson
SECRETARY

SUBMITTED BY: BRENDA SMITH

APPROVED BY: Doc Eldridge
CHAIRMAN