

OPC Board Meeting

Europa Center

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7:00 PM

OPC Area Office

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PAGE	ISSUE	SPEAKER	TIME	ACTION	
	Call to Order			Approval	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swearing in of New Board Member – Tina Williams (Person County) 	George Greger-Holt			
	Call for Public Comment	Citizen Input	5 MINS		
2-6	Reading of the Minutes	George Greger-Holt			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 12, 2007 • May 10, 2007 				
Report of the Board Chair					
	Area Board Chair	George Greger-Holt	10 MINS	Information	
Report – Area Director					
7-11 12-16 17-80 Distributed in May	Area Director Report			Information/ Approval	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH/SS/SA Services Comparison of 07-08 House and Senate Budgets • Legislative Update • Performance Contract Quarterly Reports 	Judy Truitt	30 MINS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Board Subcommittee Restructuring Proposal • SFY 07-08 Benefit Plan • Mobile Crisis Services 	Debra Farrington Heather Griffin-Dolciney			
81-87	Finance Officer's Report	Dave Jenny		15 MINS	Approval
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final budget amendment for SFY06-07 • SFY 07-08 Budget 				
Committee Reports			Next Meeting		
88	Finance Committee	L. Ireland	5-10-07 6:00pm	5 MINS	Information
	Developmental Disabilities Committee	Vacant	5-10-07 6:00pm	5 MINS	Information
	Adult MH/SA Committee	A. Blanks	5-10-07 6:00pm	5 MINS	Information
	Human Resources Committee	J. Stewart	TBD	5 MINS	Information Approval
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position approval 				
89-90	Client Rights Committee	K. Herr	5-01-07 5:00pm	5 MINS	Information
91	Child & Family Committee	Vacant	5-10-07 6:00pm	5 MINS	Information
92-97	Consumer & Family Advisory Committee	V. Hill	5-17-07 6:00pm	5 MINS	Approval
Old Business					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws (sent by mail prior to the May Board Packet) 				
New Business					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OPC Area Board Summer Schedule • OPC Area Board Closed Session (Personnel Issue) 				
Adjournment					

Minutes of the OPC Area Board/LME Board Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2007
Administrative Office - Europa Center

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, George Greger-Holt, Lori Ireland, Amanda Blanks, Kathleen Herr, Sandra Herring, Henry Pleasant, Sue Schwartz, Tina Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Moses Carey, Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, John Stewart, Richard Edwards, Jim Leis

STAFF PRESENT:

Dave Jenny, Lynne Hamlet, Donna Prather, Debra Farrington, Judy Truitt, Ivy Williams, Tom Velivil, Cim Brailer, Heather Griffin-Dolciney, Janine Reda,

GUESTS PRESENT,

LeAnn Brown, OPC Attorney
Virginia Hill, Chair of CFAC

CALL TO ORDER

OPC Chair, George Greger-Holt called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The first order of business was to swear in Tina Williams. Ms. Williams swore she would support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, and faithfully discharge the duties of the office as a member of the Orange Person Chatham Area Program Board.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Greger-Holt opened the floor for public comment and there was none. Dave Jenny, Chief Finance Officer, called for public comment on the proposed budget for SFY 2007-2008, and there was none.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Meeting minutes from both the April and May Board Meetings needed approval. Sue Schwartz motioned to approve the April 12, 2007 Minutes of the OPC Area Board meeting as written. Commissioner Vanderbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried with nine board members voting in favor and none opposing.

Henry Pleasant motioned to approve the May 10, 2007 Minutes of the OPC Area Board meeting as written. Ms. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried with nine board members voting in favor and none opposing.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Greger-Holt called to the Board's attention the news brief about the Department of Health and Human Services' new Secretary, Dempsey Benton. Mr. Greger-Holt also commented on Dr. Alice Lin's visit and indicated that they were surprised that her questions related more to the larger picture of mental health reform, rather than information specific to OPC. Mr. Greger-Holt deferred the remainder of his time to Judy Truitt.

AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Dr. Alice Lin's Review

- a. Ms. Truitt began her presentation with a summary of Dr. Lin's visit. Dr. Lin visited OPC on Monday June 11, 2007 as a consultant hired by the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services (further known as DMH) to evaluate the status of mental health reform. Dr. Lin's questions were much broader than initially expected and the staff agreed the visit went well.

2. Legislative Update including MH/SS/SA Services Comparison of House and Senate Budgets for SFY 07-08

- a. According to the available information, the Governor's budget for SFY07-08, as well as both the House and Senate budgets allocate little additional funding for mental health services (please see page 7-10 of the June Board packet for a comparison of the 2007-2008 House and Senate Budgets). Last year, there was a great difference between the preliminary and final allocations, but there has not been a preliminary allocation letter for the new fiscal year issued to date.
- b. Ms. Truitt explained the differences between the Senate and House budgets on two key issues. The House prescribed single stream funding for four additional LMEs, recognizing that that five LMEs currently receive single stream funding. Single stream funding provides an area program with one lump sum of money, which is not restricted by age or disability. The Senate would also encourage DMH to award additional LMEs with single stream funding, however it would only be two additional programs. Additionally, the Senate wants DMH to develop clear standards for single stream funding, including how a LME can qualify. The Senate also proposes that DMH study the effectiveness of Medicaid waivers. Medicaid waivers would put all Medicaid funds back under the control of the LME. By the start of SFY 08-09 the Senate wants DMH to commence the process for three additional LMEs to apply for Medicaid waivers.
- c. OPC is beginning to research various accrediting bodies for national accreditation. OPC will likely need to seek accreditation for both service and the management function, which DMH will require be awarded through two separate accreditation bodies.

3. Implementation Update

- a. Ms. Truitt directed the Board's attention to page 12 of the June 2007 Board Packet, where the Department of Health and Human Services (further noted DHHS, the governing body for DMH) extended the deadline allowing provisionally licensed staff delivering outpatient therapy to continue receiving reimbursement for services with Medicaid and state funds. The deadline is now June 30, 2008. DHHS recently created a workgroup composed of provider representatives, DMH, and the Department of Medical Assistance. This workgroup will meet regularly to discuss the development of additional

options for provisionally licensed individuals to gain the clinical experience needed for clinical supervision and full licensure.

- b. Mike Moseley, Director of DMH, released a memorandum discussing State funded Y-codes for use by designated non-licensed substance abuse professionals in provision of services to IPRS substance abuse target populations. DMH created particular codes they required non-licensed substance abuse professionals to use; initially these codes were to expire June 30, 2007 but due to continuing concerns from LMEs and providers about the lack of available sufficient workforce, DMH extended the deadline of Y-codes until June 30, 2008.

4. Performance Contract Quarterly Reports

- a. In the course of this quarter's report DMH paid particular attention to the LMEs' after-hours service for screening, triage, access and referrals. DMH placed calls to all LMEs' after-hours service providers. OPC and several other LMEs use ProtoCall, an agency located in Oregon. DMH evaluated the 24 hour service based on several criteria and ProtoCall's was rated as unsatisfactory in several areas. DMH has indicated that after-hours STR should be provided either by the LME itself or under contract to another LME. Since DMH's review Debra Farrington, Director of Care Management, called and her call was answered on the second ring. The individual who answered the call said they were a licensed clinician. Care Management staff plan to closely monitor ProtoCall and develop the required corrective action plan for submission. For more information or further detail please see DMH's final report on their website.

5. Local Business Plan

- a. Area Directors have been advised that it is likely that the Local Business Plans (further noted LBP) would neither be accepted nor rejected, but should be considered documents to guide the local systems. LMEs performance will be measured under indicators developed and implemented as part of the contract between the area program and DMH.

6. Area Board Subcommittee Restructuring Proposal

- a. The Board decided to postpone restructuring of the committees until the Bylaws regarding the Board Seats were completed.

7. SFY 07-08 Benefit Plan

- a. Ms. Farrington and Cim Brailer presented information about the SFY 07-08 benefit plan. The Care Management Department creates guidelines for how staff may authorize services. The authorization plan includes services offered and the frequency those services for each age and disability group. OPC's Care Management Department, with the help of the Utilization Management Committee in the past few months investigated how other LMEs authorize services. Clearly, there is an increased need for community support services and OPC will continue to formulate a plan to target people who are most in need of these services. The need for residential services for substance abuse consumers has also grown.

8. Mobile Crisis Services

- a. Since January, Heather Griffin-Dolciney, a Customer Service and Community Planner staff member, and Freedom House have been working to create a Mobile Crisis Team. Freedom House is a substance abuse provider located in Chapel Hill. The Mobile Crisis Team is composed of trained people from mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse backgrounds. They are available to respond in the most convenient space to the person in crisis. The services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year; the services are offered strictly on an on-call basis.

The request for proposal stated that Mobile Crisis' goal was to decrease the walk-ins seen as UNC. Last year, 1000 people were seen at UNC, for crisis services. Mobile Crisis has seen 43 people seen since January; most calls are for substance abuse services, followed by mental health. People from all age groups have been calling. Mobile Crisis staff attended a training to better prepare them to cover developmental disability consumers. Funding for next year looks promising for the Mobile Crisis Team.

9. Community Forum

- a. Ms. Truitt summarized the community forum for the Board. Approximately twenty-five community members attended, including consumers, family members and providers. While we would have liked more participation, we were pleased with the opportunity to speak to those individuals who attended.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Jenny presented the Financial Activity Report.

- There is still no word from the Regional Accountant on the outcome of the 2003 TSR for non-UCR funds.
- Provider meetings were held on May 14, 15, and 21 to explain changes to contracts and billing with the full implementation of ProFiler for the 2008 fiscal year.
- The operating budget for the SFY 07-08 will need adoption after public comments at this month's Board meeting.
- OPC auditors, LarsonAllen, were on-site May 29 and 30 to do their fieldwork for the State Single Audit portion of this year's audit. They are scheduled to return August 20-24 to complete the balance of their fieldwork.
- OPC is working with providers to identify, correct, and re-submit all UCR billing issues for the current fiscal year. For providers who receive non-UCR funds we asked for estimates of their billing for the balance of the fiscal year because funds had to be requested no later than June 6.

- The final budget amendment for the current fiscal year will be presented at the Board meeting for approval. Lori Ireland then motioned to approve the final budget amendment for SFY 06-07, Mr. Pleasant then seconded. The motion carried with all board members voting in favor and no one opposing.
- Mr. Jenny then asked the Board to review the proposed budget for SFY 2007-2008. For more information please see pages 82-83 for the balance sheet and pages 85-87 for the income sheet of the June Board Packet. Commissioner Vanderbeck motioned to approve the proposed budget for SFY 2007-2008, Ms. Ireland then seconded. The motion carried with all board members voting in favor and no one opposing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

The committee had no further information beyond Mr. Jenny's report above. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Development Disability Committee:

The Development Disability Committee did not meet tonight. The next DD Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee:

Amanda Blanks discussed an update on the substance abuse services that are transferring to Freedom house from CFN and the status of the transfer. The next Adult Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Human Resources Committee:

The HR committee had nothing new to report. The HR committee is currently meeting as needed only.

Client Rights Committee:

Kathleen Herr updated the Board for the Client Rights Committee. The Clients Rights Committee is gathering crisis information, which they plan to use to bridge future communication between client rights and providers. Michael Norton, Client Rights Committee staff liaison, is contacting providers who have not yet responded to the survey distributed in January 2007. The next regular meeting of the OPC Client Rights Committee will be Tuesday, August 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the AO Conference Room at the Europa Center.

Child & Family Committee:

The Child and Family Committee did not meet tonight. The next Child and Family Committee meeting will be held on August 9, 2007 at 6 p.m.

Consumer & Family Advisory Committee:

There was no report from CFAC. The next CFAC meeting will be held the third Thursday of the month, June 21, 2007 at 5 p.m.

Old Business:**OPC BYLAWS**

1. LeAnn Nease Brown, OPC attorney, led the first reading of the bylaw revisions. Sandra Herring asked for clarification as to whether the CFAC member appointed to the Board would be any CFAC member, or if the Chair of CFAC would automatically be appointed. Through discussion, the Board decided that any CFAC member could be the appointed member. Mr. Pleasant motioned that it be recorded the bylaws were read and moved to adopt the first reading of the bylaws; Ms. Herring seconded. The motion carried with all board members voting in favor and no one opposing.

New Business:**OPC Area Board Summer Schedule**

1. The Board would like to evaluate whether or not the second Thursday is working for the majority of the Board Members. Ms. Truitt and Janine Reda will research the dates and contact Board Members. The Board decided to cancel the July meeting and resume their normal schedule on August 9, 2007.

OPC Area Board Closed Session (Personnel Issue)

At 9:18 p.m. entered closed session to discuss personnel and departmental performance issues.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:39 p.m. Ms. Truitt indicated she initiated a conversation with Foster Norman, the Area Director of Five County Mental Health regarding possible consolidation of billing and reimbursement functions. Ms. Truitt will continue negotiations with Mr. Norman.

Board Meeting:

The next Board Meeting is on August 9, 2007 at the Europa Center Suite 490. The Committee meetings will begin at 6:00pm and the Board Meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Adjournment:

Ms. Herr made the motion to adjourn the OPC Board meeting and Sue Schwartz seconded. The motion carried with all board members voting in favor and no one opposing. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Blanks
Secretary