

**OPC Area Board – WORK SESSION Minutes**  
**Monday, September 27, 2010**  
**Administrative Office - Europa Center**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Bernadette Pelissier, Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, Commissioner Tom Vanderbeck, Richard Edwards (available via conference call), Amanda Blanks, John Stewart, George Greger-Holt, Sue Schwartz, Mary Cay Corr, Rachel Winstead, Mike Rosenthal, Bill Gentry

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Carol Mitchell, Heather Nash, Lynn Ikenberry

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Judy Truitt, Dave Jenny, Lynne Hamlet, Donna Prather, Debra Farrington, Cim Brailer, Michael Norton, Janine Reda

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Gwen Harvey, Orange County Assistant Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

OPC Board Chair Richard Edwards and Secretary Amanda Blanks called the Board meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Edwards opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments. He deferred the remainder of his time to Judy Truitt.

**AREA DIRECTOR'S WORKGROUP**

1. Ms. Truitt provided information regarding the Alamance-Caswell Local Management Entity (LME) Board meeting held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. During their meeting the Alamance-Caswell Board chose OPC as their favored merger partner.
2. Ms. Truitt provided an overview of the negotiations which occurred between OPC and Alamance Caswell during the period February through November 2009.
3. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of possible merger. If OPC and Alamance-Caswell merged the new entity would be the ninth largest LME in the state, with a total population of 410,631, which would position OPC well for future waiver decisions. Ms. Truitt described the "cost model" which was developed by the Division of Mental Health as the template upon which local management entities were designed and implemented. Ms. Truitt distributed copies of the projected cost model for the new entity and defined how the cost model would likely be used to determine the amount of funding available to operate the new entity. Ms. Truitt also distributed information regarding the number of Medicaid eligible individuals in each catchment area and explained how these number impact future decisions.

4. Board members discussed the options that are available to the area mental health board, as well as the counties in terms of decision making authority and timelines. Board members expressed interest in reviewing recent audit reports, as well as organizational structure of the AC LME.
5. Ms. Truitt next reported on the meetings which have occurred to date between herself, DMH, and county management staff from Alamance & Caswell Counties.
6. Ms. Truitt distributed copies of the Consolidation Agreement, as well as the July 1, 2009 Letter of Intent that was provided to AC LME. She asked the Board to review and make recommendations regarding additions and/or deletions to these documents which would form the foundations for negotiations should the Board decide to move forward.
7. Discussion ensued regarding a possible meeting between the Orange, Person, Chatham, Alamance & Caswell Commissioners and it was agreed that this would be an appropriate next step. Ms. Truitt to coordinate.
8. Sue Schwartz motioned to adjourn the OPC Board work session and George Greger-Holt seconded. The motion carried with all Board members voting in favor and no one opposing. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.