

System Updates
April 11, 2011
Administrative Office – Europa Center

1. Dr. Donna Prather presented the accessibility survey to the Board and asked that they complete the survey by the end of this week. Dr. Prather stated that the survey was shared with the Area Quality Improvement Committee, OPC staff, CFAC and all visitors to the OPC suite during the current week. Once the responses are received, the compiled accessibility report will be presented at next month's Board meeting.
2. Judy Truitt presented the Board with copies of agency organizational charts. The charts include federal, state and local information, including OPC committee structures.
3. Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) information was supplied to the Board for inclusion in their binders. The future of Mental Health in North Carolina involves a collaboration of primary care providers and behavioral healthcare. OPC staff are beginning to work more closely with CCNCs from the surrounding communities.
4. Request for Application (RFA) for expansion of the 1915(b)(c) waiver:
 - a. Ms. Truitt provided an overview of the RFA that was recently released and pointed out the following key points from the document:
 - This is the final RFA that will be issued for statewide expansion.
 - Full expansion is expected to be completed by January 2013.
 - LMEs applying to operate a waiver must have an unduplicated minimum Medicaid eligible population of 70,000 individuals 3 years and older; a total population size of 300,000 by July 2012, and a total population size of 500,000 by July 2013.
 - A single LME may apply if it meets all minimum requirements. If a single LME does not all minimum requirements it will be expected to merge with one or more other LMEs, with one entity being identified as the lead LME.
 - Applications must be received by May 20, 2011.
 - By the date of the RFA application submission, all LMEs must identify which lead LME they will partner with to perform the required Medicaid managed care and LME functions. If LMEs do not identify working partners, then DHHS will assign LME catchment areas.
 - b. The selected waiver sites, which will have regional as well as local office, will replicate what PBH has been doing for five years. Currently, there are 23 LMEs in NC and the waiver expansion will significantly reduce this number, although the final number is still unknown. Due to its size, OPC cannot be a waiver site on its own. If PBH (a five county program), OPC (a three county program), Five County (a five county program), and Alamance/Caswell (a two county program) join together they will represent 15 counties with a total population of 1.3M and 193K Medicaid eligibles. Other LMEs across the state are in discussions about creating

alliances, and OPC has been approached by some of them. While Ms. Truitt acknowledged that this is all very short notice, the Board must make a decision tonight as to which direction to move the agency towards.

**Minutes of the OPC Area Board
April Board Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2011
Administrative Office - Europa Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Brian Bock, Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, Commissioner Steve Yuhasz, Lynn Ikenberry, Amanda Blanks, Mary Cay Corr, Tom Glendinning, Heather Johnson, Carol Mitchell, Heather Nash, John Stewart, Tom Vanderbeck, Bill Gentry, Rachel Winstead

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Edwards, George Greger-Holt, Mike Rosenthal

STAFF PRESENT:

Judy Truitt, Dave Jenny, Lynne Hamlet, Ivy Williams, Debra Farrington, Tom Velivil, Donna Prather, Cim Brailer, Michael Norton

GUESTS PRESENT

Yvonne French, DMH/DD/SAS LME Liaison
LeAnn Nease Brown, OPC Attorney
Leslie Matthews, OPC-CFAC

CALL TO ORDER

OPC Board Chair Dr. Lynn Ikenberry called the Board meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Ikenberry opened the floor for public comment. There were no comments.

READING OF THE MINUTES

Tom Vanderbeck motioned to approve the March 14, 2011 Board Minutes upon adding Mary Cay Corr's name to the list of attendees. John Stewart seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Board Members voting in favor and none opposing.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Ikenberry then administered the Board oath to Commissioner Brian Bock.

Dr. Ikenberry then deferred the remainder of his time to Judy Truitt.

AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. State and Regulatory Requirements Update

- a. Current statute defines the role and composition of an Area Board. There is proposed legislation that would allow behavioral health authorities to organize under North Carolina General Statutes 131E - instead of 122Cs if they are operating a 1915(b)(c) Medicaid waiver. County funding would still be managed locally.
- b. A waiver can be opened at the beginning of a quarter. Readiness reviews must be done 90 days prior to the opening of a waiver. Area Authorities can only be dissolved on June 30th of each year. Theoretically, OPC could join PBH and there could be a "LME shell" remaining for up to

one year. Once the Board votes to move forward and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) make a decision OPC will need to establish the date OPC will move forward. Secretary Cansler has set the drop-dead date for LMEs to be performing as waiver sites as July 1, 2013.

- c. The Secretary also believes waiver sites will save \$10.5M in LME funds during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2012. There will be significant cuts to the LMEs in the new fiscal year and further cuts are possible during the SFY. DMH has established that there will be no money to fund transitions. Part of the fund balance will have to be encumbered to hire and train all necessary staff 90 days prior to the opening of the waiver.
- d. There will be many things which the Board will need to provide guidance and approval on during this process. OPC will be holding community meetings to inform stakeholders about the waiver and related merger. The Care Management Department has already been asked to write a series of articles outlining exactly what is going on and the impact that it will have on the consumers and their families.
- e. A brief discussion was held regarding The Arc of NC and several other organizations who are opposed to the expansion of the waiver. Ms. Truitt handed out a position paper that was prepared by The Arc of NC to the Board members. The Arc of NC's document indicates that case management will go away, developmental disabilities funding will be stripped away in a waiver environment and recommends that a "carve out" waiver just for IDD consumers (1915(i) waiver) be pursued. In response, Ms. Truitt indicated that there is no reason to believe that funding will be stripped from developmental disabilities as this did not happen when many LMEs converted to single-stream funding. Case management will be different under the waiver, as care coordination will be done by the LME and another type of direct service may be performed by providers for IDD consumers. In regards to the 1915(i) option, the state is currently utilizing that waiver for another purpose, and, therefore is not pursuing a 1915(i) option for individuals with IDD at this time.
- f. Tom Glendinning motioned for the Board to authorize management of OPC to pursue negotiations with PBH to be identified as the lead LME to operate Medicaid funded services through a 1915 (b)(c) combo waiver for the OPC catchment area; to pursue a merger arrangement with PBH for the provision of services in the Orange, Person and Chatham counties catchment area; and to seek authorization of the Boards of Commissioners (BOCC) of Orange, Person & Chatham counties to proceed with negotiations with PBH towards these ends. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Board members voting in favor and no one opposing.
- g. The Commissioners agreed that Ms. Truitt can provide an abstract to them and they will move it to their counties' BOCC in the interest of time.

2. Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities (TASC) Update:

- a. Ms. Truitt provided an outline of the services TASC provides for the community. Last year clinical supervision of TASC was given to Coastal Horizons, and the Director of TASC, Joe Hazel, informed OPC that he would be leaving the agency at the end of March 2011. Further discussions were then held as to whether OPC would continue to operate TASC. The decision was made that OPC will be ending the contract for

TASC on June 30th. Coastal Horizons will be hiring all of the staff at their same salary level; they will continue to work out of the offices they are currently in and seniority will also remain the same. Reduction in Force (RIF) notices will be sent out May 23rd for June 30th.

3. After-hours Contract:

- b. Debra Farrington gave a presentation on moving these services from ProtoCall and OPC on-call staff to an after-hours contract with PBH. They currently provide after-hours Screening-Triage-Referral (STR) services to approximately 25 counties. PBH would provide it at a lower cost than what is currently paid to ProtoCall.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

Dave Jenny presented the Financial Activity Report for the April Board Meeting:

- The Finance Department has been holding a series of teleconferences with PBH and AlphaCM on improvements to the system. A systems error has been identified that was preventing approved claims from billing to the State. PBH is in process of correcting this error. The claims payback process is currently in the test stage. When completed, it will reflect paybacks for the current fiscal year.
- Ms. Truitt and Mr. Jenny met with Orange County Manager's staff on March 24th to review OPC's budget request for 2011-12. They also reviewed the services provided by this year's county funds.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention conducted an on-site financial review of the Clinical Evaluation/Assessment Program on March 24, 2011. The liaison position is jointly funded by Orange County, Chatham County, and OPC. The clinical review had previously been done in September 2010.
- Cash outstanding from the state is presently \$1.7 million. Typically we receive cash from the state during the first week of the month.

Mr. Stewart motioned to approve the Financial Report as presented. Mr. Vanderbeck seconded the motion. The motion carried with all Board members voting in favor and no one opposing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee:

The Finance committee had no further information beyond Mr. Jenny's report.

Human Resources Committee:

The HR Committee is currently meeting on an as-needed basis.

Client Rights Committee (CRC):

Ms. Blanks reported that CRC reviewed incident reports and received an update on the rules to change the role of the Client Rights Committee. There will be no changes until 2012. National Core Indicator results were also reviewed. Their next meeting is May 3, 2011.

Consumer & Family Advisory Committee (CFAC):

CFAC is participating in a focus group effort on affordable housing needs, they also completed accessibility survey and have reviewed the National Core Indicators results. CFAC meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is no new business at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club Nova Property Update

1. Mr. Stewart spoke with Logan Carter regarding the offer that was made on the purchase of the apartments. Mr. Carter was going to try to get a response for tonight's meeting; however, the response has not come in at this time.

Board Meeting:

The next OPC Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. The Finance Committee will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Finance Committee will disband at 6:30 p.m., System Updates will be given from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and the Board will officially convene at 7:15 p.m.

Adjournment:

Mr. Stewart motioned to adjourn the OPC Board meeting and Mr. Vanderbeck seconded. The motion carried with all Board members voting in favor and no one opposing. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Winstead, Ed. D.
Secretary