
**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Minutes –March 17, 2009

*Brookens Administrative Building
Lyle Shields Room
1776 E. Washington St.
Urbana, IL*

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Townsend, Board President; Janet Anderson, Bill Gleason, Ernest Gullerud, Aillinn Dannave, Deloris Henry, Mary Ann Midden, Mike McClellan

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Tracy, Executive Director; Lynn Canfield, Nancy Crawford, Mark Driscoll, Stephanie Howard-Gallo

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheila Ferguson, Mental Health Center (MHC); Mary Vita Rosmarino, Mahomet Area Youth Club (MAYC); Andrea Goldberg, Frances Nelson Health Center (FNHC); Thom Pollock, Crosspoint Human Services (CHS); Chris Hamilton, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club (DMBGC)/JUMP; Mary Evans, Bruce Suardini, Prairie Center Health Systems (PCHS); Liz Jackson, Operation Snowball; Elaine Shpungin, Psychological Services Center (PSC); Harold Davis, TALKS Mentoring; William Conlin, Consultant; Alan Kurtz, County Board; Felicia Gooler, Developmental Services Center (DSC); Darlene Kloepfel, Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Townsend, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

CITIZEN INPUT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 17, 2009 Board meeting were included in the packet for review.

MOTION: Ms. Dannave moved to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2009 Board meeting. Dr. Moore seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Townsend requested a moment of silence be taken to remember the life and contributions of former CCMHB executive director, Betty Lazarus.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Tracy's provided a verbal report of the month's activities. CCMHB staff have spent the majority of the month reviewing funding applications. Mr. Tracy and Mr. William Conlin reviewed plans for Ebertfest/Anti-Stigma Alliance.

STAFF REPORTS:

Reports from Mr. Driscoll and Ms. Canfield were included in the Board packet.

BOARD TO BOARD:

Dr. Gullerud toured Frances Nelson Health Center (FNHC). Dr. Townsend attended the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Board meeting. Ms. Anderson attended a Mental Health Center (MHC) Board meeting. Mr. McClellan attended a Crisis Nursery (CN) Board meeting.

AGENCY INFORMATION:

Dr. Henry commented on recent news reports of increased gang activity in the community and asked agency representatives in attendance how the problem was being addressed by their agencies.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Acceptance of Claims:

The claims report was included in the Board packet.

MOTION: Dr. Moore moved to accept the claims report as presented. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY2008 Annual Report:

A draft of the 2008 Annual Report was included in the packet.

MOTION: Dr. Henry moved to accept the 2008 CCMHB Annual Report as presented. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Medicaid Briefing Memorandum:

A Briefing Memorandum was distributed at the meeting. A Briefing Memorandum was included in the Board packet. Prompted by an inquiry from a developmental disabilities provider to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS), a meeting was held on February 4, 2009 to review and discuss the extent to which funding from community mental health and developmental disabilities authorities (i.e., 708, 377, and 553 boards) may have resulted in supplementation of established Medicaid rates. Specifically, HFS is concerned about situations where local dollars are used to fund the same services for the same clients that result in Medicaid reimbursement.

Because DHS Medicaid claiming has evolved over the years, DHS/HFS claiming and Medicaid reimbursement has manifested changes from year to year. These changes have resulted in expansion of Medicaid to programs and services traditionally funded by 708/377/553 boards. It is possible that local funding has been used unknowingly (i.e., by 708/377/553 boards) to supplement Medicaid rates. The extent to which this is a problem is currently unknown, and cannot be known until each 708/377/553 reviews each individual contract.

Based on the discussion that occurred during the February 4 meeting, the following represents the preliminary informal opinions from HFS:

- In general, 708/377/553 should not fund any service that “touches” a DHS Medicaid contract for mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities.
- Medicaid is the last and only payer for services. In most cases, 708/377/and 553 also consider themselves to be the payer of last resort.
- The Medicaid rate includes the following components which cannot be supplemented by local dollars:

- a. Indirect costs related to a service
 - b. Transportation to a service
- Vouchers for respite and other Medicaid services cannot be co-funded by 708/377/553.
 - Developmental training and supported employment Medicaid rates cover 1,200 hours of services (despite being listed at 1,100). This gap cannot be funded with local dollars.
 - Core services such as for supported employment cannot be co-funded if the individual is funded through a Medicaid waiver.
 - Medically necessary Early Intervention (EI) services cannot be co-funded by 708/377/553.
 - Local funding cannot be used for clients with a CILA waiver.

In general, more information is needed from HFS in order to understand the full implications of co-funding and supplementation. This information needs to be in the form of formal interpretative guidelines based on cited statute and regulations. ACMHAI should represent all 708/377/533 boards in this matter.

1. ACMHAI will obtain written guidance from HFS on all DHS Medicaid reimbursed services for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities.
2. ACMHAI will obtain relevant federal regulations and interpretive guidelines pertaining to supplementation of Medicaid rates and anti-supplementation policies.
3. Based on guidance from HFS, review and assess all contracts to assure compliance with relevant Medicaid and HFS statute, rule and policy.
4. Establish hold harmless language which puts the onus on providers to assure that supplementation is not taking place. This could be integrated into contract language, or could be attached as a separate affidavit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL) Implementation:

A Decision Memorandum was included in the packet. In January 2009, the CCMHB authorized contracts with the Savannah Family Institute (SFI) for implementation of a PLL Center of Excellence (COE) in Champaign County. The contract maximums for the one-year term was set at \$150,000 as specified in the January 2009 Decision Memorandum. The terms of the contracts as currently written run from March 23, 2009 through March 30, 2010. Staff recommends the Board vote to amend the SFI contracts by changing the end date of the contract to June 30, 2010. The SFI contracts will then have the same term as the provider contracts. The change will result in an increase in the contract maximum of \$22,000 to accommodate the additional extended care youth served in the additional months added to the contract as well as to cover the PLL-COE licensing fees.

MOTION: Mr. McClellan moved to approve the recommendation authorizing an amendment to extend the terms of existing SFI contracts to June 30, 2010 and increasing the contracts maximums by \$22,000. Dr. Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and all members voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Disability Resource Expo:

A report from Ms. Bressner was included in the packet.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully

Submitted by: _____ Approved by: _____

Stephanie Howard-Gallo
CCMHB Staff

Deborah Townsend
CCMHB President

Date: _____

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**Minutes were approved at the 4/21/09 Board meeting.*