

Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

Meeting Minutes May 17, 2011

Present: Jeff O'Brien, Dave Krenrick, Jan Winbigler, Dick Walters, Laurence Rawls, Andy Medwid, Gerald Bartman, Lanette Remaley, Bobbi Swank, Joann Hipsher, Marilyn Bowers, Brian Garverick, Melodye James and Dr. Jay Haar

Excused: Cliff Schutjer

Unexcused: Kelsey Gledhill and Traci Kiliany

Staff Present: Joe Trolian, Sherry Branham, Carolyn Muth and Nancy Kaufman

Visitors: WMFD, Mary Kay Pierce and Veronica Groff

Jeff O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led members and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked visitors to introduce themselves.

Board Member roll call was recorded and a quorum established.

***Approval of March 15, 2011, and April 19, 2011 Meeting Minutes** – Jeff O'Brien

Lanette Remaley motioned to approve the March 15, 2011 and the April 19, 2011 minutes, and Laurence Rawls seconded. There were no questions, and the motion was approved unanimously.

***Motion to approve expenditures for last half of March, April and the first half of May** – Jeff O'Brien

Dick Walters motioned to approve the expenditures for the last half of March, April, and the first half of May. Andy Medwid seconded. There were no questions, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Cash Position – Carolyn Muth

The cash position beginning balance as of March 31, 2011 was \$5,312,250.94. Total revenues for April were \$1,474,531.89. Carolyn noted both the State and Federal subsidies came in during April which is why the revenue is so much higher. Expenditures for the same period were \$766,043.47, leaving an ending balance on April 30, 2011 of \$6,020,739.36. This is an increase of \$708,488.42.

***Motion to approve the Non-Medicaid Purchase of Service Policy (COQ Standard VIII-F.1)**
– Jeff O'Brien

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*Jeff asked Joe to explain what this is. Joe reported there are some changes in the rules at the State regarding Medicaid, and therefore we are seeing some new agencies coming into our community. We want to make sure new agencies and new programs meet specific standards before we consider giving non-Medicaid funds to them. We anticipate there may be agencies that do not meet these standards. With this policy in place, we would request certain information before entertaining a proposal for funding. Joe went on to explain in some detail what criteria would have to be met. Joann asked if we could go back and revisit this in a year. Joe said any of our policies can be revisited at any time. Jeff commented it is the Board's responsibility to be the guardian of the local funds. Gerry asked about the recent closing of the Sojourner Methadone Clinic. Joe went into some detail about this issue. He noted the Board did not provide any funding for this clinic. **Gerry Bartman** motioned to approve the Non-Medicaid Purchase of Service Policy and **Brian Garverick** seconded the motion. There were no further questions, and the motion was approved unanimously.*

Nominating Committee Report – Andy Medwid

Andy presented the slate of officers to be considered at the June meeting. They are Chair, Marilyn Bowers, Vice-Chair, Laurence Rawls, Secretary, Jan Winbigler, and Treasurer, Lanette Remaley. There were no nominations from the floor.

Liaison's & President's reports – Jeff O'Brien

Lanette reported that in April she helped prepare Easter dinner for the members of the Oasis Club. She encouraged anyone who has not visited, to go over and meet them.

Joann said CACY is rolling along. They have had some staffing cuts, but are continuing programs. They are always actively looking for funding sources. Their golf fund-raiser is coming up. Information for that was included in the Board packet.

Jeff participated in the recent drug collection day. He went to Lexington Police Dept. and they were quite busy for a couple of hours. Many people thanked the PD and wanted to know when the next one is. Joe said we may have another in September. Joe noted the press was not the best, as the News Journal said people were turning in "illegal" drugs.

Executive Director's report – Joe Trolian

May is Mental Health Month is going very well. There was a great program recently at Lexington high school. It was organized by some parents who had close friends die recently due to drugs. Joe would like to see us do programs like that in more communities. Sherry is in contact with Veronica Kane at Ontario to have a similar program there in the fall.

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Regarding budget issues, some money was put back into our system, but we are still way short of FY11 numbers. Joe has been informed there is money there to add to the budget. He encouraged everyone to contact the Senators. The House of Representatives received over 100,000 emails regarding the budget. Gerry commented he was amazed how many responses he got from legislators after he had emailed them.

Board to Board meetings will be held May 24th at 5:00 pm. There is one more opening if anyone is interested. The budget books are ready and committee members can take one.

Joe would like the Board to field at least one team for the CACY golf outing. Applications are in your packets.

***Executive Session – Executive Director’s contract**

*At this time **Melody James** made a motion and **Marilyn Bowers** seconded it to go into Executive Session for the propose of discussing the Executive Director’s contract.*

A roll call vote was taken with the results as follows: Gerald Bartman – yes, Marilyn Bowers – yes, Brian Garverick – yes, Dr. Jay Haar – yes, Joann Hipsher – yes, Melodye James – yes, David Krenrick – yes, Andy Medwid – yes, Laurence Rawls – yes, Lanette Remaley – yes, Bobbi Swank – yes, Dick Walters – yes, Jan Winbigler – yes. At that time staff and visitors were asked to leave the room.

*After the discussion was complete, **Dick Walters** motioned to return to regular session, at which time staff and visitors were invited to return and a roll call vote was taken.*

The results of the roll call vote to return to regular session are as follows: Gerald Bartman – yes, Marilyn Bowers – yes, Brian Garverick – yes, Dr. Jay Haar – yes, Joann Hipsher – yes, Melodye James – yes, David Krenrick – yes, Andy Medwid – yes, Laurence Rawls – yes, Lanette Remaley – yes, Bobbi Swank – yes, Dick Walters – yes, Jan Winbigler – yes.

***Personnel Committee – Present Executive Director’s contract** – Marilyn Bowers

*Marilyn reported there was one change to the contract. The Board would require prior Board approval of reimbursement of any expense over \$500. **Jan Winbigler** motioned to accept the contract with that amendment. **Dick Walters** seconded, and it was approved unanimously.*

Old Business

Jan remarked that when the location of the May is Mental Health Month kickoff was changed at the last minute due to weather, there should have been signs posted at the gazebo letting people know the new location. Joe said future events will be scheduled here at the office, so moving it indoors due to weather should not be an issue.

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Gerry reported on May 10th he went to Columbus for the NAMI sleep-out. He was very impressed with the event.

New Business

Gerry asked what the Board can do to get bath salts out of this town. Joe said as a board, we have to be very careful what we do. However, there is no reason a group of concerned citizens cannot put together a list of places that sell it. Nothing is stopping us from boycotting those places. Sherry reported that some mothers in Lexington have put pressure on some of the businesses and have convinced some to stop selling it. Bobbi said a couple of states now have gotten it made illegal. Sherry said local officials are trying to pass legislation locally to outlaw it.

Future Agenda Items

Update on the “bath salts” issue.

***Adjournment**

*Joann Hipsher motioned to adjourn and Andy Medwid seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.*

ATTESTED BY:

PRESIDING:

Jan Winbigler, Secretary

Jeff O'Brien, President