

**THE DURHAM CENTER**

*Providing Behavioral Health & Disability Services*

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**AREA BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

**May 3, 2007**

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The Durham Center Area Board met at 4:00 pm, May 3, 2007, at 501 Willard Street.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Doug Wright, Terry McCabe, Karen Crumbliss, Melvin Whitley, Amelia Thorpe, Colleen Kilsheimer, Phil Golden, Eureka Capri Daye

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

George Quick, Earl Phillips, Ellen Reckhow, Matthew Wallace, Tom Owens

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jane Chavis, ARC of Durham County

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ellen Holliman, Kathy McNeill, Sarah Grey, Kelly Goodfellow, Michelle Zechmann, Paula Hyman, Carrie Baines, Carla Alston-Day, Doug Fuller, Terry Ames, Rob Robinson, Terri Grant, Tina Howard

Area Board Chair Doug Wright called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2007 MINUTES**

**Doug Wright entertained a motion to approve the April 5, 2007 minutes. One correction was noted: 168 Provider should be changed to 160A provider. A motion was made by Karen Crumbliss and seconded by Melvin Whitley to approve the minutes with the stated correction. The motion unanimously carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CFAC:** No report

**HUMAN RIGHTS:** Colleen Kilsheimer reported during their last meeting, Donna Watson McDuffie discussed investigations regarding client rights which she was involved with.

**FINANCE:** Doug Wright reported that The Durham Center is currently in a healthy financial position. An action item will be presented later during the meeting.

**QUALITY MANAGEMENT:** Phil Golden reported that the Quality Management Committee reviewed the initial draft of the May Board report. The Committee is requesting that Carrie Baines attend the next meeting to discuss the endorsement process.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Colleen Kilsheimer introduced Jane Chavis, ARC of Durham County. Ms. Chavis was appreciative of the support with the Durham Center, and looks forward to a continued relationship with the center.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Budget Amendment**

Kelly Goodfellow discussed a financial change in the Medicaid budget. She stated that funds needed to be transferred within the department. No amendment action was needed.

**REPORTS**

**1. Crisis Plan**

Ellen Holliman reported that the State has contracted with the National Consulting Plan to review plans submitted to the state. Ms. Holliman reported that the plan submitted by TDC was one of the best plans in the state.

Rob Robinson discussed the Crisis Plan. He discussed highlights of the plan. A crisis committee was developed. Mr. Robinson stated that some of the strengths of the system that were identified by the community were close proximity to Duke Hospital and JUH, Durham Center Access, rapid response homes (currently have four beds), CIT, comprehensive provider community, evidence based practice.

The needs that were found in the plan were an upgrade at DCA from a non-secure to a secure facility, better coordination of cross services, more respite options, peer-to-peer options, mobile crisis, seamless service system, more inclusive process regarding crisis planning for consumers and families.

Mr. Robinson along with other staff members were available to answer questions regarding the plan.

**2. CIT**

Michelle Zechmann discussed the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program. Twenty-two graduates recently completed the week-long program. It was the first graduation in Durham. The program is modeled after one established by police in Memphis, TN, after officers killed a mentally ill man. During the classes, officers learned about mental illness through role-playing and trips to mental health agencies. They also had lessons about mental disorders and learned techniques

for active listening. The program received positive feedback from all participants. Another training has been scheduled for August. It was suggested that during a future meeting to invite an officer to discuss the training.

### **3. Board Report**

Paula Hyman gave the Board report for the FY 07 third quarter (January – March). Paula's report included highlights on adult mental health, child/adolescent mental health, developmental disabilities, utilization management, quality management, DCA stabilization, STR, hospital data, contracts management, customer services and communications (full report attached). Paul was available to assist members with questions regarding the report.

### **4. Chairman's Report**

Doug Wright made the following announcements:

- ◇ TDC was host to the HBO preview on Addiction which was recently held in the Commissioner's Chambers.
- ◇ Mr. Wright attended the Substance Abuse Advisory Council. He stated the group reviewed the by-laws. A subcommittee will be meeting at a later date to finalize the by-laws.
- ◇ The NC Council met on April 20. The Spring Policy Forum is in June, and two proposals will be presented for the membership to vote on. In addition, officers were elected, and Mr. Wright was nominated as President Elect and Roy Wilson was nominated as President.
- ◇ Mr. Wright reminded members to submit information on the Area Director's evaluation to him. He will compile the information and review it with the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee will report on a recommendation to the full Board at the next Board meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Carla Alston Daye reported that TDC will host a Provider Recognition Awards Ceremony on May 15 in NC Mutual Auditorium from 2:30 – 5:00.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Area Director