

THE DURHAM CENTER
Providing Behavioral Health & Disability Services

AREA BOARD MEETING
Minutes
November 3, 2005

The Durham Center Area Board met at 4:00p.m., November 3, 2005, at 501 Willard Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doug Wright, Karen Crumbliss, Colleen Kilsheimer, Hugh Wright, Ellen Reckhow, Terry McCabe, Phil Golden, Emily Baldwin, George Quick, Eureka Capri Daye, Thomas Owens, Amelia Thorpe

MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):

STAFF PRESENT:

Ellen Holliman, Kelly Goodfellow, Carla Alston, Beth Bordeaux, Paula Hyman, Bart Grimes, Rob Robinson, Lisa Carver

OTHERS PRESENT:

Area Board Chair Doug Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2005 MINUTES

The minutes for the October 6, 2005 meeting will be approved at the next meeting of the Area Board.

A motion was made to approve the Area Board Minutes by-----and seconded by -----.
The motion unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Human Rights: Colleen Kilsheimer reported that the committee met on September 27, 2005. This was Donna Watson's first meeting. A consumer was scheduled to address the: however, the person did not attend. Ms. Watson presented plans for the committee, which were well received by the committee.

Finance: George Quick reported the committee met on September 1, 2005 and discussed billing issues as well as the new MIS system, eCura, which was reported as working well. Recent provider audits have gone well.

Quality Management: Phil Golden reported that the committee met on October 27, 2005. The committee reviewed the Clinical Quality Review tools that are in place for substance abuse and mental health and is very interested in developing a similar tool for people with developmental disabilities. The committee also reviewed the Area Board reports and information that is being presented and will continue to review them in terms of how they are presented; at the trend data and how it is being tracked against the seven day criteria; and the hospital data and how to simplify the reports. The next meeting has been moved to November 21, 2005 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ACTION ITEMS

1. December Area Board Meeting Date Change

- It was suggested that the December Area Board Meeting date be moved or December 8, 2005 or cancelled due to the NC Council Conference that is being held November 29, 2005 – December 2, 2005.

A motion was made by Karen Crumbliss and seconded by Ellen Reckhow to change the meeting date of the December Area Board Meeting to December 8, 2005. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Strategic Plan 2005 – 06

- Beth Bordeaux presented the Strategic Plan for 2005 – 06 through a Power Point presentation. The Board received a detailed copy of the presentation as part of the Area Board Packet.
- The Management Team and the Clinical Team will be reporting on the goals of the Strategic Plan on a monthly basis. Beth will then compile a mid-year and yearly report to present where we stand with our goals.

3. RFP Approval – Perinatal – Bart Grimes

- Bart Grimes, Substance Abuse Specialist, presented the Women's Perinatal RFP to the Board for approval.
- The program is a state-funded, residential program for pregnant women and a substance abuse diagnosis. The program is a year long post-partum program. The women can have up to one child living with them under the age of 11. The facility is a six bed facility and is set up as clustered apartments with 24 hour Curfews and outpatient treatment are required while living in the facility. The facility is a structured living program that will teach independent living skills.
- The committee recommended Community Choices (Cascades Program) as the provider of this program as they responded well to all requested information.
- DSS and Public Health will be making the majority of the referrals for this program.

A motion was made by Colleen Kilsheimer and seconded by Melvin Whitley to accept Community Choices/Cascade as a Perinatal program. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. State Hospital Downsizing Report – Ellen Holliman

- Ellen Holliman presented a draft State Hospital Downsizing Report that will be presented by the NC Council of Community Programs.
- Ms. Holliman explained that the State is hesitant to move forward on hospital downsizing money due to the increase in hospital admissions. The report shows that since 2001, the daily average census has dropped from 1700 to 900+, even with the increase in admissions. The report will be released by the NC Council when all data has been finalized.
- Ms. Holliman asked that the Board read over the report and give her feedback..

2. Update on the Secretary's Proposal to Regionalize LME Functions – Ellen Holliman

- Ellen Holliman went over the allocation amounts that are being proposed by Secretary Hooker-Odom.
- If Durham is not chosen as the lead LME, we will lose \$1.2 million dollars.

- A meeting is planned with the Directors of VGFW, OPC, and Alamance/Caswell/Rockingham next week, November 9, 2005, to discuss the development of an alliance.
 - A decision has to be made by December 15, 2005
- 3. Board Chair's Report**
- Doug Wright encouraged board members to attend the NC Council Conference to learn and take the opportunity to talk to others within the state about events that are occurring across the state..
 - Mr. Wright attended the Substance Abuse Steering Committee on October 18, 2005. The following items were discussed: an update on the Tack Report; a long range 10-year plan for substance abuse; and licensing requirements for substance abuse technicians. Paul Navy went over a program that Duke is implementing to intervene with clients who enter the hospital with substance abuse issues.
 - There will be a meeting regarding the 10-year plan to end homelessness at the Museum of Life and Science on November 3, 2005, from 7:00 – 9:00pm. They will be discussing mental illness and the effect substance abuse has on mental illness.
- 4. Durham Center's Monthly Report**
- Will be discussed at next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Doug Wright announced that Janet Whichard has retired from Durham County.
- Doug Wright announced that Hugh Wright will be resigning from the Area Board.
- There will be a Town Hall meeting on November 16, 2005 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the Durham County Main Library Auditorium. The meeting will focus on Housing and Homelessness and a presentation will be made for our 2005-06 the Strategic Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen S. Holliman
Area Director