

CENTERPOINT HUMAN SERVICES  
CFAC Forsyth Meeting of May 11, 2009  
Approved Minutes

Members Present: Tim Blake, CFAC Chair, Jessica Romahn, CFAC Vice-Chair,  
Dr. Bill Donahue, Michelle Cutter, Janet Childress,

Guest Present: Yolanda Floyd, Kathy Holland

Division Liaison Present: Suzanne Thompson

LME Board Liaison: Not Present

LME Liaisons Present Caroline Steele, Jeff Eads

LME Guest Present: Gladys Christian, Peer Support Specialist

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Chairman Blake, who announced there was not a quorum present.

II. Public Session

There was no one to speak in Public Comment. Kathy Holland sat in the meeting. Her discussion/comments were not accounted for on the Public Comment Sign-In Sheet. The Chair allowed her to speak during the meeting. Kathy Holland said that she knows of a mother with major medical concerns and is having difficulty caring for her son who has a developmental disability. CFAC members recommended for the mother call STR (Screening Triage and Referral) 1-888-581-9988, to request services for her son. Also, she should apply for SSI at Social Security Administration.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Donahue commented on the 4/13/09 minutes in the LME report. Ms. Thompson captured the intent of his remarks that the state plan does not include the fact that all the LME's across the state are going through a decrease funding. Also, the Local Business Plan is 2 years old and it does not reflect the present economic crises and it would be helpful to have someone attend CFAC to provide detailed budget information. Dr. Donahue made a motion for the minutes to be approved as written; seconded by Vice-Chair Romahn; approved unanimously.

IV. State CFAC Update:

Gladys Christian discussed a sub-committee she is on that compiled a survey for CFAC members to provide feedback in their involvement with the Local Management Entity. Each member is to complete the survey. The CFAC Chair gathers the survey results and compiles the information to review at the June CFAC meetings. At that time, Chairman Blake will electronically complete the survey and send it to State CFAC. The Survey is due by June 30, 2009.

V. CFAC Bylaws Amendments:

The By Laws were amended partly because Rockingham County will be part of CenterPoint Catchment as of July 1, 2009. It was proposed for the revised Bylaws that CFAC have eighteen (18) voting members; the number must be divisible by 3 because of the 3 areas of disabilities (MH/DD/SA); and must represent each county in the catchment area of CenterPoint. CFAC does hold meetings in each county to allow each county an opportunity to discuss concerns related to their county and to increase the CFAC membership. There will be changes in the Bylaws clarifying the (sub-committee meetings for each county).

Ms. Thompson recommended for Caroline Steele to secure copies of the Rules of Procedure for Small Local Government Boards for each CFAC member. They can be ordered from the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill.

Chairman Blake will amend the Bylaws and they will be voted on in the June meeting.

VI. Discussion on State VS. LME Funding for Clients with Developmental Disabilities:

During the April 23, 2009 Board Meeting, a motion for IPRS (State) funding was recommended for approval by Mark Serosky, Chair of Finance Committee regarding two High Risk/High Cost Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) consumers in the CenterPoint catchment area. The cost for Consumer A is \$231,000 - \$291,000 annually and Consumer B is \$51,000 annually. The cost for both of these consumers was previously funded through the Mental Health Trust Fund; however, there are no more MH Trust Fund dollars. The cost is currently coming from CenterPoint's Fund Balance. The Board returned the item to the Finance Committee for additional exploration of funding.

Members of the Board had the following questions.

1. If The State paid for it, why can't the state pay for services?
2. Does CenterPoint have to provide funding for the 2 consumers?
3. How can the Fund Balance absorb \$300,000 a year for the 2 consumers?
4. If the LME funds this, will this set precedence for other high cost consumers?
5. Consumer A's guardian said that if the services are not paid, legal action would likely result.
6. What is the right thing to do?

The consensus of CFAC follows.

1. It appears that the board does not have all the necessary information on Consumer A, who is receiving VA services and workman's compensation.
2. Need more information about the consumers. Are the consumers receiving community support services?
3. The LME can't deny funding, but can request for the state to pay for it.
4. If CenterPoint does pay for the services, then all other funding streams must be exhausted prior to CenterPoint paying. Also, if there is a co-morbid disability and a source of funding available then that particular funding stream be exhausted prior to CenterPoint's funding.

VII. DD Survey Update:

In Ms. Hutchinson-Rhode's absence, Dr. Donahue proposed the DD Survey to help identify unmet needs and demand for adult day services for people with severe disabilities in our catchment area.

Dr. Donahue thanked Ellen Nicola and Caroline Steele for assisting with the survey proposal. Ms. Cutter made a motion to authorize \$1,500.00 from the CFAC budget to help pay for postage paper/envelopes and to add CFAC information on the survey. Vice-Chair Romahn seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously.

VIII. Division Update:

Revised rates for ACT services and how clinicians can bill was discussed. The division clarified the requirements for psychological evaluations and more clarifications on enhanced services.

Chris Phillips, Chief Advocate for The State of North Carolina of Consumer Services passed away on 4/30/09. He made a decision that has drastically impacted his family's life and everyone who worked with him to end his life. Ms. Thompson was asked by the division to remind people to please remember for everyone to utilize supports in the community and ask for help. Mr. Phillips used his supports everyday and no one knows why he did what he did.

Ms. Cutter made a motion to extend the meeting; seconded by Janet Childress; approved unanimously.

IX. LME Update:

Jeff Eads reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report FY09 (January, February and March) activities ranging from Needs Assessment, Rockingham County Merger and the LME Management Funding Cuts. Mr. Eads will be glad to schedule a meeting with the CFAC members, those involved with the sub-committee, or one on one to go in depth with the Quarterly Report. Please contact him at 714-9154 or email him at [jeads@cphs.org](mailto:jeads@cphs.org).

Ms. Thompson recommended for Kevin Beauchamp to attend the next CFAC meeting to review and make comment on the budget prior to the Board Meeting in June.

Dr. Donahue recommends for Chairman Blake to send a letter to Mr. Brad Jones, Chairman of CenterPoint Board, copy it to Betty Taylor requesting an immediate new appointment of a LME Board Liaison since CFAC cannot be effective in our statutory obligations.

X. New Business:

Update on the Coalition/Rally Day on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be times available to speak to the legislators and classes on advocating and communicating with the legislators. Please contact Chairman Blake if you're interested in attending.

The new CFAC Brochures will cost \$780.00. A copy of the brochure was passed around for review. There was concern about the photograph in the CFAC Brochure.

Next Friday Janet Childress is having her artwork featured at the Unban impression in paint and clay show on 5/22/09.

XI. Adjourn:

Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Vice-Chair Romahn; approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.