

CENTERPOINT HUMAN SERVICES
CFAC Davie Meeting of May 14, 2009
Approved Minutes

Members Present: Tim Blake, CFAC Chair, Ken Jordan, Julie Whittaker, Michelle Brake

Guests Present: Rachel Ijames, Mario Calix, Adilia Calix, Rosa Casavez

Division Liaison: Not Present

Board Liaison: Barbara Ijames

LME Liaison: Jeff Eads

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Chairman Blake, who announced there was not a quorum present

II. Public Session:

Susan Pepper of Triad First In Families presented on services offered for DD consumers and families in Davie, Stokes and Forsyth Counties. This agency can provide furniture, computers, appliances, and some medications in addition to help with utility bills and rent. Ms. Pepper informed CFAC of a June 6, 2009 horse show sponsored by Triad First In Families with 100% of net proceeds being used to support individuals with DD or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and their families in our catchment area. Ms. Pepper said that some riding therapy is offered to their consumers.

III. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from April 13, 2009 were reviewed with no revisions. Julie Whittaker made a motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Ken Jordan; approved unanimously.

IV. State CFAC Survey Form:

Chairman Blake introduced the SCFAC survey form that is to be completed by each local CFAC. This survey asks how well local CFAC members know procedures, relational agreement, by-laws and information shared with CFAC by the LME. All CFAC members are encouraged to complete the paper copy survey and turn in to the CFAC Chair. An electronic response based on the consensus of the CFAC will be submitted by the CFAC Chair by June 30, 2009.

V. CFAC By-Laws Amendments:

The proposed By-Law amendments were reviewed with the Davie membership and no additional changes were suggested.

VI. Report On Hispanic Services:

A report on Hispanic services, gaps, and needs assessment was introduced by Julie Whittaker. Julie and Joe Kaiser (LME Liaison) had met previously to discuss how best to include Hispanic input into services needed in Davie County. Representative from the Hispanic community came and revealed the difficulty of becoming informed about

service availability. Stories told made it obvious that the need is great but language, cultural diversity, trust issues, transportation and proper identification methods create barriers that keep the Hispanic population outside of services. It was also noted that with this need there is always the issue of no additional funding to provide for this population and there would be wait times for initial assessments. Reports from meetings and conferences were shared with the committee by Ms. Whittaker as well. These issues will be further discussed in future meetings. It was noted that the addition of a Hispanic representative to CFAC and our LME Board of Directors would be a great step in gaining the trust of the Davie County Hispanic population. Other suggestions from the CFAC included the following.

1. Invitation at open meetings for Public Comment by Hispanic community.
2. Availability of translators from within the Hispanic community.
3. Strengthening Hispanic advocates in Davie County.
4. Hispanic faith-based involvement.
5. Legal issues, i.e. ID Cards
6. A presentation to the LME Board by bilingual Hispanic advocates.
7. A Mental Health Fair in Davie County targeting the Hispanic community.
8. Barbara Ijames, Board Liaison, suggested that Rosa Casavez would be a great candidate for a LME Board seat.

VII. Volunteer Efforts In Davie County:

Julie Whittaker reported on information she is getting regarding the establishment of a Davie County mental Health Association. Needs of the county include establishing support groups, chartering a NAMI chapter for Davie and getting a volunteer run MHA up and running. Julie has contacted Rick Hill for information on the MHA issues. Julie is also taking a training course on NAMI. Future updates and reports to follow on any headway in these areas. The committee thanked Julie for her lead in these volunteer efforts.

VIII. Discussion on State vs. LME Funding For Clients With Developmental Disabilities:

During the April 23, 2009 LME Board Meeting, a motion for IPRS (State) funding was recommended for approval by Mark Serosky, Chair of the LME 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 Mental Health 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 these services?
2. Does CenterPoint have to provide funding for these two consumers?
3. How can the Fund Balance absorb \$300,000 a year for the 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 comments of the Davie CFAC included:

1. What is the status of the disability for each consumer?
2. Does Consumer A cross multiple disability areas?
3. When does Medicare come into play for these consumers?
4. Can the LME afford these non-budgeted costs?
5. Is it ethical to expend so many dollars on two consumers versus spreading funding over as many consumers as possible?
6. Don't be intimidated by threat of litigation.
7. What is the State's position? Could the State share some of the costs?

IX. Division Update:

The Division Liaison was not present.

X. LME Update:

Jeff Eads reviewed the 3rd Quarter Report FY09 (January, February and March) activities 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.

XI. New Business:

No new business was noted.

XII. Adjourn:

Chairman Blake made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Michelle Brake; approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

XIII. Next Meeting:

June 8, 2009- Joint Quorum Meeting in Forsyth County