

CENTERPOINT HUMAN SERVICES

CFAC FORSYTH MEETING

April 13, 2009

Approved Minutes

Quarterly CFAC Meeting, CenterPoint Human Services, Forsyth County,

Members Present: Tim Blake, CFAC Chair; Jessica Romahn, CFAC Vice Chair; Marguerite Hutchinson-Rhodes, Obie Johnson, Bill Donahue, Emma J. Oehman, Julie Whittaker

Guest Present: Dr. Fancis Manns, Wini Kniejski, Alex Wolfe

Division Liaison Present: Suzanne Bellian

LME Liaison Present: Caroline Steele

Board Liaison: Not Present

LME Guest: Janet Phillips Human Resources Manager, Gladys Christian, Peer Support Specialist

Call to order:

Tim Blake, CFAC Chair called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. Quorum established. Guest and all members were acknowledged. Minutes were reviewed for:

- March 9, 2009 Forsyth
- March 12, 2009 Davie
- March 18, 2009 Stokes
- March 27, 2009 Rockingham

Changes were noted in the March 9 minutes under public comment and chair report. After the changes, a **motion** was made to approve all the minutes; Mr. Donahue seconded; approved unanimously.

No public comment.

Discussion: Forsyth MHDDSAS Report:

Drafted by a consultant 25 members/stakeholders from the community; Bill Donahue asked what changes were made by CenterPoint resultant to the report's inclusive collaborative efforts. Suzanne Bellian suggested an executive member from CenterPoint address CFAC with the details of the report. Chairman Blake stated that a piece of the CFAC information is erroneous, that, in his opinion, a group of individuals recommended a report, that the individuals hand-picked where to go, and fact: United Way was not pleased. It was the consensus of CFAC not to meet with the collaborative but request someone from the executive committee address the report.

Discussion: DD Survey:

Winston Salem offers 4-5 venues for young adults with a developmental disability after high school and many of the venues have unattainable earmarks especially for those who have a developmental disability. There are 560 people who receive CAP and 600 people on the waiting list. Because of budget cuts for respite care and long waiting list for The Enrichment Center, there is a greater need for adults with developmental disabilities post secondary activities. Ms. Hutchinson is requesting financial help to assist with bulk mailing the surveys. The survey is to

target individuals over 18 are getting their needs met and have appropriate recreational activities. The purpose of the survey is to identify any gaps in service for CFAC review. Mr. Donahue felt CFAC's leadership could help identify what could be done and the sub-committee to help determine the identified target group and to whom the survey will be sent; survey to be reviewed again in June by the CFAC committee. The sub-committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, 4/24/09 at 10:30 am at Carter Vocational High School. Another recommendation is to solicit help from Dr. Ellen Nicola.

Chair Report: Handouts reviewed

1. Proposed Bill HR 1415 introduced by Mr. Gordon of Tennessee introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Care Demonstration Project Act
2. The CFAC bylaw amendment changes will be reviewed at our next meeting. There are necessary changes that will need to be made due to the Rockingham merger the next fiscal year.
3. Briefly reviewed the CFAC budget report.
4. On hospital discharge form a signature line needs to be added for Peer Support Specialist at planning. The state CFAC is looking at this as new form as well.
5. House Bill 933. Changes to clarify the role of State CFAC. This info is supported by the disability rights of NC.

Vice Chair Report:

1. Vice-Chair Rohman discussed the free Advocacy training in April. She will find out the dates and let everyone know.
2. Coalition's Advocacy Rally Day scheduled on May 20, in Raleigh, NC

At 7:00pm, Ms. Goodwin made a **motion** to extend the meeting until 7:20pm; seconded by Mr. Donahue; approved unanimously.

LME Report:

Janet Phillips, Human Resource Manager reviewed CenterPoint Human Services Organizational Goals for Fiscal Year 2009 and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010. A couple of comments that individual CFAC members made regarding the Organizational Goals were:

- **To discuss why there is a decrease funding where there is increase need
- ** A concern that CFAC is not involved in fundamental decisions made
- ** And trust not mentioned in the goals when clearly the community has trust issues with CenterPoint
- **There is no mention of human needs, the consumers, and the pain

Suzanne Bellian reported that The Local Business Plan was written 2 years ago and it should address the new economic times. A CFAC member asked why there is not CenterPoint Board Representation at the meeting to help address the concerns. Ms. Barbara Ijams, could not be at the meeting.

State CFAC report:

Ms. Christian reported that Secretary Lanier Cansler attended the State CFAC council on April 9th. The organization arrangement to help the system development, rather than having just one position over all aspects of the MH/DD/SAS system, he wants a Team approach which will consist of 3 positions: 1) New Assistant Secretary, (not filled), the function of which will be to build the capacity of our system in the community; 2) New Director of State Facilities (14 state operated facilities), Mr. Lucky Welsh; 3) Director of the Division of MH/DD/SAS. Secretary Cansler would like to place emphasis on stability.

Division Report:

Asked that the group review the proposed changes to the general statute related to CFAC's and send comments to Representative Verla Insko. Brief overview of Implementation Update 55 was given.

Announcements:

Mr. Donahue announced the World Premier Movie at Redeemer Church in Greensboro is hosting "Beyond Academics" April 24th at 7:00pm.

Community Fun Day scheduled at Central Park in King, NC. The CFAC logo is shown at the bottom because of the support from last year. Chairman Blake made a **motion** to provide Community Fund Day with \$250.00 from the Stokes County CFAC budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hutchinson and approved unanimously.

Mr. Johnson said NC CANSO funded \$60,000 and is currently seeking board members for the 2 yr grant.

Mr. Johnson requested CFAC to pay for his registration for Self Determination Conference at Benton Convention Center scheduled for May 3rd 4th and 5th in Winston-Salem. Since the deadline for the scholarships is approaching, he will apply for the scholarship this evening. The cost of pre-registration before 4/24 is \$264.00, after 4/24, pre-registration is \$329.00. Dr. Donahue made a **motion** for CFAC to pay for the registration if Mr. Johnson does not obtain a scholarship. The motion was seconded by Ms. Whittaker and approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Rohman attended training on Ethical Issues in Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Counseling in Greenville, NC. She is requesting to be reimbursed for the registration fee and her room fee, totaling \$180.44. Mr. Donahue made a **motion** to pay the \$180.44. Ms. Goodwin seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

Chairman Blake made a **motion** to adjourn at 7:25pm; seconded by Dr. Donahue; approved unanimously.