

**CENTERPOINT HUMAND SERVICES
CONSUMER & FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES
LOCATION: DAVIE COUNTY
JANUARY 8, 2009**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Blake, Julie Whittaker

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Brake, Ken Jordan, Tracey Goodwin

CENTERPOINT STAFF PRESENT: Joe Kaiser, Chad Stage

DIVISION STAFF PRESENT: Suzanne Bellian

GUEST PRESENT: Sister Susie Dandison

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Blake, CFAC Chair. It was determined that a quorum was not present for this meeting.

II. The minutes for October 13, 2008 and November 20, 2008 were reviewed but not approved, as there was no quorum. It was noted that Julie Whittaker did attend the November 20, 2008 meeting but was not listed in the members present column in the minutes. No other changes were indicated by the members present.

III. Division Staff Report

Suzanne informed CFAC that Lanier Cansler would be the next head of the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Cansler has been a registered lobbyist for a current contractor to the state. This appointment comes with controversy and time will tell if this is the right appointment. Suzanne said that if there were any concerns we should let our opinions be heard through appropriate channels.

There is a chance that further budget cuts could be forthcoming. Outgoing Governor Easley had suggested 2 to 3% but incoming Governor Beverly Perdue will decide on the actual cuts.

IV. CenterPoint Human Services Update

Joe Kaiser reported on the new initiative by Old Vineyard Behavioral Health Services to activate 50 unused Certificate of Need beds from Broughton Hospital and placing them in our community. CenterPoint collaborates on this initiative. A new facility will be built on the existing campus of OVBHS at the expense of OVBHS. In the interim, OVBHS will provide 12 non-utilized beds at its existing facility providing psychiatric services for our catchment area. OVBH is seeking letters of support for this initiative and any interested stakeholder may join with the community leaders to show support. A template of a letter was provided. CFAC members were in support of this effort to better serve consumers in the community. Letters of support need to be in by January 12, 2009. Please see the attachments regarding this announcement.

A revised meeting schedule for CFAC was discussed, in order to become compliant with the Division's rule for 6 meetings a year with a quorum of all members. Currently CFAC meets 4 times per year with a quorum of the CFAC as a whole, with additional county meetings. The solution is to conduct combined meetings every other month and as necessary meet in each of the 3 counties on the off months. It is suggested that the bi-monthly meetings be held in the Board Room at CenterPoint on the 2nd Monday of each month. This location is centrally located and the date and

time is already on the schedule. After a short discussion the 2 members in attendance agree that this change is appropriate. Julie Whittaker volunteered to help other Davie members attend by offering transportation. Sister Susie was pleased with the offer and indicated that she would attend future meetings.

CFAC was told that no official plan has been established at this time to alleviate problems caused by loss of services from DayMark Recovery Services in Stokes and Davie Counties. These cuts are not due to state budget cuts. DayMark has lost money on its Stokes and Davie operation since beginning services. Deficits are the reason for the cuts. Alternatives in place now include the DayMark clinic in Rowan County for Medicare/Medicaid consumers and the DayMark clinic in Winston Salem for children and adolescents. CenterPoint is still working on services for new and existing IPRS adult consumers. Updates will follow as these problems are solved.

V. Chair Report

Information was shared from the NC Council of Community Programs Conference held in Pinehurst, NC in December. Recovery and the new direction from the new governor were discussed.

Tim Blake attended a tour of the new Central Regional Hospital in Butner. He gave an overview of the improvements and amenities of the new facility.

Gladys Christian, Peer Support Specialist, from CenterPoint has recently been appointed a member on the State CFAC. Gladys has provided our CFAC with a form for directing questions or concerns directly from the local CFAC to the SCFAC. She will also be a direct voice to the SCFAC and we should utilize her to the fullest.

CenterPoint has provided CFAC with a nice office space complete with computer, printer and conference space. Members are encouraged to inspect and use this space.

VI. New Business

Sister Susie Dandison visited with CFAC for the first time. She is interested in getting help for the Hispanic community in Davie County. Her church involvement has helped identify gaps for this group. Transportation, language barriers and cultural fears are keeping many from services needed. Joe Kaiser and Sister Susie agreed to meet and come up with a plan for information sharing with this growing segment of the Davie County population. This plan will be shared with the Davie CFAC.

VII. Adjourn

Next meeting will be in Winston Salem on Monday February 9, 2009 at 5:30pm.