

CENTERPOINT HUMAN SERVICES
Consumer & Family Advisory Committee
November 20, 2008
APPROVED MINUTES
Location: Davie County

Members Present: Tim Blake, Michelle Brake, Barbara Ijames

Members Absent:

CenterPoint Staff Present: Joe Kaiser, Caroline Steele and Chad Stage **Division Staff Present:** Suzanne Bellian

Guest Present: Missy Grigil, Julie Whittaker

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Tim Blake, CFAC Chair, who announced there was a quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The October 9, 2008 Minutes were not available prior to this meeting. They will be reviewed for approval at the next Davie CFAC scheduled for January 8th 12:00pm.

III. Division Staff Report

There will be budget cuts in CAP funding. There are billing concerns with Central Regional and Dorthea Dix Hospital. Currently, Cherry Hospital cannot bill Medicaid and is costing the state \$790,000 a month. Changes at DMH/DD/SAS will be likely as governor Beverly Perdue takes office on January 10th 2009 (\$200M budget overspent by \$600M, more budget cuts pending).

There will be additional budget cuts that could affect services for consumers coming from the division anytime.

IV. CenterPoint Human Services Update

Tim Blake read the Reduction-In-Force notification from Betty Taylor, CEO at CenterPoint due to budget cuts at CenterPoint Human Services that took place on 11/20/08.

Tim Blake met with Michael Cottingham, Marketing Officer with CenterPoint to review the CFAC display board and the new CFAC Logo. The Logo and display board will be ready by the Quarterly Christmas Meeting scheduled for December 8th at 5:00pm at CenterPoint. Barbara Ijames reported on the budget cuts from a Board member's perspective. Which services will ultimately be cut and to what extent? These are questions the CenterPoint Board will have for the LME staff.

DayMark will not continue to provide services Davie & Stokes County. The consumers from DayMark in Stokes and Davie County have been referred to DayMark in Winston Salem.

Peer Support Specialists will become more valuable as time goes on due to their experience and their relative inexpensive fees. Peer Support Alternative Service Definition is being submitted to the State to allow billing for services Gladys Christian, PSS at CenterPoint, has been appointed as a member of the State CFAC.

Tim Blake reported on the utilization of Peer Support Specialists at Central Regional Hospital in Butner, NC. He explained the process for getting an answer from the Division concerning the problem the LME was having. It has been determined by the Division that CenterPoint can send PSS's to Central Regional Hospital and aid in the discharges of consumers returning to our catchment areas. It was noted that Suzanne Bellian, Tim Blake and Gladys Christian aided CFAC in getting these determinations.

V. Membership Applications and Marketing Strategy

Julie Whittaker submitted her formal application as a CFAC member. We need to check her attendance and vote her in as a full member in January.

VI. New Business

The CFAC (Christmas) Quarterly Meeting to be held at CenterPoint in Winston Salem on December 8, 2008 at 5:30. Please come and join us!

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: January 8, 2009 (If we continue with the second Thursday in each month).