

Minutes for the 11-18-07 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Chair, Carol Fonua, called the November meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Services/CPC office located at 101 East Main St.

Members present: Al Fagerlund, Rich Byers, Laura Schinnow, Anne Vance, Carol Fonua, Jackie Gray, Michelle Allen, Barb Mathews, Jill Boike, Sue Jones, Shawn Propp, Jill Eaton, Lisa Soder, Linda White

Members absent: Mike Bennett, Paul Phillips

Guests present: None

1. Review FY08 Annual Report for submission to the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Human Services:

The purpose of this meeting was to review the Fiscal Year annual report. Jill provided a slide presentation along with handouts outlining various segments of the FY09 annual report. Jackie Gray commented it would be interesting to compare FY08 expenditures to the FY09 current status graph displayed on page 9 of the handout. Jill reported that it is unknown at this time what Marshall County may receive in FY09 and FY10 from the State as the legislature may change the funding formula again. Marshall County is currently spending more than 1/12th of our FY09 Budget and it will continue to be monitored. No cuts in the budget are being made at this time, but funding is being carefully scrutinized. Michelle Allen motioned to accept the draft of the FY08 Annual Report. Motion was seconded by Laura Schinnow. Motion carried. The annual report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their November 25th meeting. This report will then be forwarded to the State department of MH/DD before the December 1, 2008 deadline. Jill encouraged Board members to review the report and get back to her with any questions or concerns. Board members will be asked to meet after January 1st as a new Strategic Plan is due April 1st. Jill asked Board members to brainstorm new goals that would be meaningful to Marshall County.

2. Agency Updates:

Carol Fonua – (DHS Case Management) spoke of new Federal government changes all case managers are coping with. Currently all case managers are managing 45+ caseloads.

Ann Vance – (CIRSI) is preparing a quality assurance program with all their providers to be implemented by January 1st. Staffing has been an issue as they have been filling full-time vacancies for the past two months. CIRSI has purchased the former Boys and Girls Home on Linn St. Renovation plans are in the works. Special Focus will be located there as well.

Jackie Gray – (AEA267) reported the Transition Advisory Board has been planning the next Transition Fair. Invitations are not being extended to those persons who should be attending IEP's. This might be a good goal issue for the development of the new Strategic Plan.

Al Fagerlund – (ARC) said the summer program went very well and the adult program is growing due to good support from Jacey Stewart who has taken over some of the programming duties for the Wednesday night events.

Rich Byers – (MIW) commented they are being affected by Lennox and others and not getting as much work as they would like. Production revenue is down and three staff members have left. Companies are hesitant to place orders at this uncertain time.

Jill Boike – (Goodwill Industries) said they are getting new referrals from Marshall and Poweshiek counties. Goodwill was not approved for a grant they had applied for. They currently have 10 consumers to place and Jill remarked they have better luck dealing with smaller companies.

Laura Schinnow – (CDC) reported the CDC Bell Choir will be performing at the Creative Retirement Luncheon this year. Laura spoke about the need for a higher level of care in the other two CDC Counties (Poweshiek & Tame) and possibly meeting with CIRSI to discuss offering a Special Focus type service within the two county areas.

Barb Mathews – (Voc Rehab) are adjusting to a new computer system. Concerning clients, Barb said it is "business as usual." For the most significant impaired there is little or no waiting list. Please contact Barb for new Voc Rehab application forms. She also passed out business cards with her new telephone number.

Jill asked if anyone would be interested in attending "A Money Follows the Person" informational meeting on December 10th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Mary Greeley Medical Center. This meeting will explain and answer any questions about the MFP grant. Marshall County will be one of the test sites of the new Community Service Network (CSN) in January.

Meeting adjourned at 2:47 P.M.