

Minutes for the 06-13-06 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Due to the absence of Chair, Jackie Gray and Vice Chair, Carol Fonua, Jill Eaton called the June meeting to order at 1:10 P.M. at City Centre located at 16 East Main St.

Members present: Allen Fagerlund, Anne Vance, Alicia Krough, Michelle Allen, Barb Mathews, Sue Jones, Michael Bennett, Jill Eaton, Linda White

Members absent: Rich Byers, Laura Schinnow, Carol Fonua, Jackie Gray, Jacque Osgood, Paul Phillips, Lisa Soder

Guests present: Terri Kuntz, DHS Case Management

1. Budget Presentation:

Jill gave an overview of the budget, reporting that things are currently right on track. At the end of May, 91% of the budget had been spent and June should remain stable. There will be very little if any carry over for the next fiscal year. The Board of Supervisor's has levied \$268,000 additional dollars which will enable us to access more state money. Due to continued budget restraints, local provider rates have been frozen. Jill further explained the perplexing problem of not being able to control what other counties do, Marshall County pays the rate that the "Host County" approves for rate increases. She spoke of one County that had requested a 13% increase from their County, but was not approved yet. Increases such as this could have significant impact on the Marshall County budget. October through December will see Waiver rate increases. Extra services and hours are being cautiously scrutinized.

2. Legislative Update

Jill passed out handouts detailing the redesign components of House File 2780 relating to persons with mental illness, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, or brain injury. Some of the highlights of the bill are:

- Establishing basic financial eligibility standards at 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (Marshall County is currently at 200%)
- Establishment of the Division of Mental Health & Disability Services
- Increase Medicaid reimbursement of inpatient mental health services, community mental health centers, and psychiatrists
- Transition of State Payment consumers to the Counties by October 1, 2006. Transition teams have been formed in the interim, with Jill serving as Chairperson for one of them. The question is whether there was enough money allocated to fund all state cases. There was discussion at the end of the legislative session for the State to take over the Medicaid system. An interim committee was appointed to study MH/DD issues.

3. Agency Updates:

Barb Mathews (Voc Rehab) – Since closing all three categories of the MSD waiting list, Barb stated that beginning July 1st those with the most severe disabilities will be selected first for services. She explained that their budget is tight as well, but is optimistic that things are changing for the better. Barb said she would be happy to host a future MH/DD Advisory Board meeting at the Workforce Development Center.

Michelle Allen (North Star Community Services) – Michelle reports hiring new staff.

Al Fagerlund (ARC) - Al reported on the Adult Camp held last weekend. Although it rained, a good time was had by all.

Anne Vance (CIRSI) -. Anne reported filling vacancies at their site in Iowa Falls and should be full July 1st. Marshalltown has a vacancy at their Melody Lane site. CIRSI is still looking for new office space.

Jill (CPC/Community Services) – Jill is preparing to roll over into the new fiscal year. Lisa Soder (CPC Social worker) is out on Family Medical Leave.

4. Other Business - Adult Rehabilitation Option

There may be drastic changes in the Adult Rehab Option program. Jill was recently at a meeting with DHS Director Kevin Concannon and Medicaid Director Gene Gessow where it was explained that the ARO will be moving towards a medical model, where the physician writes the case plan and the case manager oversees the plan. As consumers no longer are eligible for ARO services or the services they can receive under ARO are reduced this can have a impact on the Marshall County budget as those services still need to be provided at a much higher cost if funded by 100% County dollars.

Future Meeting Dates:

Future meeting date(s) are listed below and locations will be announced on the agendas when mailed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

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November 7, 2006