



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

February 19, 2008

The Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham Local Management Entity Board of Directors met Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Alamance County Human Services Center, 319 N. Graham-Hopedale Road, Burlington, NC

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Sam Isley, Mr. J.W. Joyce, Commissioner Harold Bass, Commissioner Dan Ingle, Mr. Emery Partee, Ms. Patsy Smith, Ms. Ann Slaughter, Mr. Ron Norwood, Ms. Edith Collins, Ms. Ethel Gwynn, Mr. David Carter, Ms. Brenda Page, Dr. Russell Gill, Mr. Norman Melton, Ms. Donna Lawson, Commissioner Jeremiah Jeffries

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Ernest Eason, Mr. Bill Franklin,

AREA PROGRAM STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Daniel S. Hahn, Executive Director; Ms. Jandy Andrews, Finance; Dr. Cris Mickiewicz, Medical Director and Ms. Cathy Moore, Clerk to the Board

GUESTS: Mr. Robert Middleton, Rockingham Mental Health Director, Mr. Mike Taylor, LME Attorney

- I. Chairman Isley called the meeting to order.
- II. Mr. Carter gave the invocation.
- III. Mr. Hahn introduced guests and staff present. Chairman Isley thanked everyone for attending.
- IV. Chairman Isley asked for approval of the January Board minutes.

ACTION: *Commissioner Jeffries motioned to accept the January 15, 2008 minutes as written. Commissioner Bass seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

V. Executive Director's Report – Daniel Hahn

- Mr. Hahn discussed the 2nd Quarter Performance Agreement indicators that were included in Board members packets for review. He noted that "Access to Routine Appointments" was the only item that the LME did not receive "Best Practice" grade. He commented that only three LME's statewide received "Best Practice" in this category. The LME has negotiated with providers to secure slots for consumers that are being discharged from the hospital to try and alleviate this issue.
- Mr. Hahn thanked the local NAMI chapter for sponsoring the CIT training that was held recently. Approximately sixteen (16) officers attended. This is a move in the right direction to train law enforcement personnel to recognize individuals with mental illness.
- A Crisis Task Force has been established within the LME with the mission of preventing hospitalization locally.
- A "Community Wellness" publication has been distributed as an insert in local newspapers across the tri-county area. Mr. Hahn thanked Helen Feroli, QI/QA Manager, for coordinating this process.

- Mr. Hahn announced the employment of Mr. Larry Aggers, new Finance Director, who will begin on March 3. Mr. Aggers is currently employed in Charleston, SC and was formerly the Finance Officer at The 5 County LME. Mr. Hahn noted that he is looking forward to working with Mr. Aggers and Ms. Andrews.
- Mr. Hahn noted that the State remains quiet in terms of “what is happening”. The Mercer report is expected to be released the end of February or the first of March to Legislators and the Division. The Secretary of the Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requiring the Division of Mental Health begin to hold Director’s Forum on a regular basis to increase communication and cooperation.
- DMH and DMA (Medicaid Branch) continue to require that LME’s conduct post-payment reviews for Value Options Services. This places those consumers that need services in a very vulnerable situation. Medicaid clients do not go through our STR process and therefore the LME has no record of clients that they want us to track. Dominion Healthcare is suing the State of NC, Value Options and several LME’s for one billion dollars for the State withdrawing their ability to provide these Medicaid Services. DMH continues to distance itself from the endorsement and review process. The NC Attorney General has stated that the LME will need to review and revoke provider’s ability to provide these services.
- The LME was recently awarded a one time HUD grant for \$250,000 for housing. Lynn Inman is the LME Housing Specialist responsible for applying for this grant.

VI. Policy Approval

At this time Mr. Hahn asked for a motion to approve the “False Claim Act Education” policy that was included in Board members packets for review.

ACTION: Ron Norwood motioned to accept the False Claim Act Education Policy as presented. Commissioner Ingle seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Budget/Fiscal Report – Jandy Andrews, Finance

Ms. Andrews gave the following financial report:

- **State of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**
 - Revenues are at 46% for the year-to-date representing seven months through January 31, 2008
 - Expenditures are at 43% representing seven months
 - IPRS funding is currently at 59%
 - Balance in checking through the period ending January 31, 2008 was \$78,238.41; Trust Account balance was \$4.5 million

Ms. Andrews noted that Chairman Isley had received a letter from the State Controller’s Office regarding the Single Audit Report of ACR LME for fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. This audit was accepted by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission.

Ms. Andrews also noted the following:

- IPRS was not billed in January due to waiting on approval of the False Claim Act Education policy
- Providers continue to be paid on a monthly basis
- Finance staff are working on contract amendments

Ms. Andrews expressed her excitement at the hiring of Larry Aggers and noted her continued commitments to the LME.

IX. Committee Reports

- Finance Committee met February 18, 2008. See Budget/Fiscal Report.

X. Other Business

- The Board expressed their appreciation to Helen Feroli for her efforts in coordinating the Community Wellness Publication.
- Chairman Isley announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Reid King, LME Board member. On behalf of the LME, Mr. Hahn expressed his regrets at Mr. King's resignation and stated that he had enjoyed working with him.
- Mr. Hahn discussed a notification that he had received from Dr. Art Constantine from Southeastern Mental Health Center in Wilmington stating that their agency has no funds. Mr. Hahn has discussed with the Finance Committee the possibility of the LME being financially supportive to them. He asked for endorsement from the Board, pending approval from the Division, noting that Ms. Andrews is determining an appropriate amount of funding.

At this time, Chairman Isley asked for a motion to go into Closed Session to consult with the attorney.

ACTION: Mr. Norwood motioned to go into Closed Session to consult with the attorney. Ms. Slaughter seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Carter motion to go out of Closed Session. Commissioner Bass seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Cathy Moore
Clerk to the Board

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Human Services Center, 319 N. Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington, NC.