



## **BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 18, 2008**

**The Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham Local Management Entity Board of Directors met Tuesday, March 18, 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, Ms. Patsy Smith, Ms. Ann Slaughter, Mr. Bill Franklin, Ms. Ethel Gwynn, Ms. Brenda Page, Dr. Russell Gill, Mr. Norman Melton, Ms. Donna Lawson, Commissioner Jeremiah Jeffries

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Ernest Eason, Commissioner Harold Bass, Commissioner Dan Ingle, Mr. Emery Partee, Mr. Ron Norwood, Mr. David Carter, Ms. Edith Collins

**AREA PROGRAM STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Daniel S. Hahn, Executive Director; Mr. Larry Aggers, Finance Director; Ms. Alicia Graham, Clinical Director; Clayron McCain, Information Systems Director; Dr. Cristina Mickiewicz, Medical Director; Ms. Debra Welch, Human Resources Director and Ms. Cathy Moore, Clerk to the Board

**GUESTS:** Mr. Robert Middleton, Rockingham Mental Health Director; Mr. Larry Johnson, Rockingham County Human Services Director; Mr. Mike Taylor, LME Attorney

- I.** Chairman Isley called the meeting to order.
- II.** Ms. Slaughter gave the invocation.
- III.** Mr. Hahn introduced guests and welcomed everyone present.
- IV.** Chairman Isley asked for approval of the February Board minutes.

**ACTION: Commissioner Jeffries motioned to accept the February 19, 2008 minutes as written. Ms. Gwynn seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**V. Executive Director's Report – Daniel Hahn**

- Mr. Hahn stated that as the LME had reorganized recently he wanted to introduce current LME Directors to the Board as follows: Dr. Cristina Mickiewicz, Medical Director; Clayron McCain, Information Systems Director; Alicia Graham, Clinical Director; Debra Welch, Human Resources Director; and Mr. Larry Aggers, recently appointed Finance Director. Mr. Hahn noted that he believed that the LME is in the best financial position it has been in the entire time he has been employed.
- Division of Mental Health Updates – Mr. Mike Moseley has retired. Mike Lancaster, MD and Ms. Leza Wainwright are co-directors of DMH. Division Secretary Benton has asked them to establish an Area Director's Forum that will be chaired by Dr. Lancaster and Ms. Wainwright. The first forum is scheduled for tomorrow. More information from this will be forthcoming.

- Mr. Hahn discussed at length a series of recent newspapers articles indicating the ongoing problems with Mental Health Reform. Many of these articles have been sent to Board members for review and there are others available upon request. The main themes discussed in these articles included an estimated \$875 million spent on Community Support Services for those eligible for Medicaid services. (Early results of the second year of these Community Support Services expect a \$1 billion expenditure for this one service.) There have been post-payment reviews done by the LME system across the State resulting in an estimated payback of approximately \$40 million in the first phase of these reviews. The provider community is beginning to fight the findings in these reviews. The NC Council has retained the services of a law firm familiar with these proceedings. The Attorney General of NC has indicated that the LME is the final decision maker in the appeals process therefore they need to be the final opinion and are the only entity accountable. There are communications being developed to educate lawmakers on a local as well as regional and state level. It is important for all to understand that the over expenditures had nothing to do with the LME system. In many cases the LME's were not even aware of the individuals receiving services due to direct authorization through Value Options.

Mr. Hahn stated that in light of all the upheaval with the Mental Health System, the LME's need to continue to focus on establishing services to consumers at a local level until these issues are resolved.

- The NC Council is sponsoring a LME Board Leadership Institute on May 29 and 30 in Asheville. Mr. Hahn encouraged Board members interested in attending to contact Ms. Moore for registration. There is no registration fee for this training because it is funded by a grant from the Division of MH/DD/SA. The LME will be responsible for travel costs and overnight accommodations. (There will also be a two-day session offered at the NC Council's Spring Forum in New Bern on June 9 and 10.)
- Mr. Hahn noted that the LME will be posting Board information on the local website, including Board membership, Board minutes and meeting dates.

## **VI. Budget/Fiscal Report – Larry Aggers, Finance Director**

Mr. Aggers expressed his pleasure to be here.

Mr. Aggers gave the following financial report:

- **State of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**
  - Revenues are at 58% or \$12,654,642 for the year-to-date representing eight months through February 29, 2008
  - Expenditures are at 56% or \$12,029,875 representing eight months
  - Balance in checking through the period ending February 29, 2008 was \$892,128.53; Trust Account balance was \$4.9 million
- **IPRS Expenditures as of 3/11/2008**
  - Total budget - \$10,716,713.00
  - Total expended overall - \$6,652,967.39; percentage expended of budget 62%

Mr. Aggers stated that the LME is beginning to run out of money in some areas, i.e. Federal and State Funds, therefore requests for reallocation considerations need to be prepared.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee met March 17, 2008. See Budget/Fiscal Report. No action required.
- CFAC Committee met on February 28, 2008. Mr. Melton commented that a number of LME Boards and CFAC Committees do not communicate with each other. The ACR CFAC is well informed and interested in what is occurring. He also noted that a CFAC Conference on February 28 and 29, 2008 was very well attended.
- Personnel Committee, met March 12, 2008, no action required

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. Melton motioned to go out of Closed Session. Ms. Lawson 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, April 15, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Human Services Center, 319 N. Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington, NC.**