

*Caswell System of Care
Community Collaborative*

June 4, 2008

The Caswell System of Care Community Collaborative met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mental Health Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Connie Windham - ACR LME SOC
Racquel Hughes - Caswell County DSS
Michael Adkins - Caswell County Sheriff's Office
Nelson Showalter - Caswell County Schools
David Carter - DJJDP
Rhonda Grinnell - Family Rep
Heather Gregory - Youth Rep

WELCOME

Connie Windham called the meeting to order. Round robin introductions followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

- Rhonda noted that she and Heather would miss the next meeting in August as they will be traveling to Michigan for the summer. Rhonda also announced that she is expecting a grandchild in September.
- Nelson announced that the last day of school for students is June 10 and for teachers is June 13. Graduation is June 14.
- David is anticipating having two court counselor positions in Caswell and Person Counties filled by July 1.
- Connie announced that the "Decision Making Skills" Workshop sponsored by the Partnership is scheduled for this month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the May, 2008) meeting were distributed for review by email. There were no corrections or additions noted to the minutes. **Action: Rhonda Grinnell motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mike Adkins seconded. Motion approved.**

LME REPORT - Connie Windham

- Legislative Issues - Senator Nesbit has introduced bill S1610 to implement changes to the mental health system as recommended by the LOC, to include recommendations for \$60 million in additional funds for Mental Health. Included is the recommendation to return the authorization process to LME's by July 1, 2009. There is also a recommendation to prohibit the merger of any more LME's prior to January, 2010, except for those not meeting existing catchment area requirements.

- Opening of the new Central Regional Hospital in Butner has been postponed until the middle of July due to some structural and staffing issues.
- The LME is in the process of hiring staff for 24/7 after hours screening, triage, and referral.

Non-UCR FUNDED PROGRAM UPDATES

- Connie reported that Sandra could not use the \$300.00 offered to the Partnership.
- The DARE contract was amended.
- The Summer Camp funds that were available (\$375.00) had already been allocated by DSS.

Connie noted that the remaining funds could be used to go ahead and purchase materials to print and assemble the Resource Directory in-house.

***ACTION:** Rhonda made a motion to spend any remaining funds to purchase supplies to complete the Resource Directory in-house. Mike seconded. All approved.*

NEW BUSINESS

- 2008-09 Funding. Connie reported that the Tri-County Committee has requested that Caswell's plan for spending be completed by July. The LME Finance Director will let us put one-half of the non-UCR funds in contract before we get the allocation and then add more funds in October. The following priority areas totaling \$5,800 were identified:
 - \$250 - stipends/transportation for parents/families
 - \$2,000 - Community Collaborative/SOC supports
 - \$2,500 - Decision-Making Skills Enhancement
 - \$1,000 - Gang and Drug Awareness

The Tri-County Committee will be determining the percentage of funding for each county.

***ACTION:** David motioned to approve the utilization of funds as indicated. Rhonda seconded. All approved.*

- Connie stated that a decision regarding Flex Funds will be made at a later date. Providers will be made aware once these funds are available.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The Caswell System of Care Community Collaborative will meet on **August 6, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Mental Health Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

Reminder: The Collaborative will not meet in July.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Moore – SOC Logistics