

*Caswell System of Care
Community Collaborative*

August 6, 2008

The Caswell System of Care Community Collaborative met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 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
David Carter - DJJDP
Sandra Hudspeth - Caswell Partnership for Children
Brian Matlock - Eckerd Youth Alternatives
Melanie Tudor - DJJDP
Brody Dixon - Caswell Health Dept
Barbara Wood - CFN
Sheryl Smith - GAL

WELCOME

Connie Windham called the meeting to order. Melanie Tudor and Sheryl Smith were welcomed. Round robin introductions followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CELEBRATIONS

- David welcomed Melanie as the new Caswell Court Counselor, noting that this position has been vacant since September, 2007.
- David distributed copies of the 2007 Annual Report for the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. He also noted that this report is available on the website at www.ncdjdp.org.
- Brian announced that there are two new family workers at the Eckerd Camp.
- Connie announced that the Resource Directory Committee continues to work on getting more information from agencies to get the directory completed. Anyone willing to assist should contact Connie.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the June 4, 2008 meeting were distributed for review by email. There were no corrections or additions noted to the minutes. **Action: Michael Adkins motioned to approve the minutes as written. David Carter seconded. Motion approved.**

LME REPORT - Connie Windham

- Connie distributed an insert regarding the LME that was recently included in newspapers in Alamance, Caswell and Rockingham Counties.
- Connie distributed a "save the date" flyer for the 2nd Annual SOC Conference to be held in Wilmington in December. Connie also stated that she was scheduled to make a presentation.
- Connie noted recent changes in Community Support Services:
 - Effective August 1, 2008, DMH has reduced the number of hours to 8 hours per week. Additional medically necessary hours may be authorized through Value Options or the LME under EPSDT.
 - All providers of community support services must receive National Accreditation.
 - Fifty percent (50%) of contact with family and child must be provided by professional staff.

- The Governor recently signed the new budget. Mental Health received a funding cut related to community support services. The budget will provide new funding for mobile crisis services across the state. There will also be new funding available statewide for local hospital beds and additional staff in State hospitals.
- The Mental Health Parity law went into effect July 1, 2008. This law requires private insurance companies to give parity for nine designated mental health diagnoses.
- Advanced Health Resources will not be providing crisis services in Rockingham County after the end of August. The LME is in negotiations with another provider for this service.

Non-UCR FUNDED PROGRAM UPDATES

- Connie reported that the Collaborative expended 98.3% of the 2007-08 budget. She commended everyone for their good work.
- The Tri-County Committee has met and recommended the following distribution of funds for 2008-09. Distribution of these funds was determined by the number of CTSP clients being served per county and resources available in the county. Racquel noted that Nelson Showalter did a good job advocating for Caswell at the Tri-County meeting.
 - 40% - Alamance
 - 40% - Rockingham
 - 20% - Caswell
- Connie noted that the Collaborative needed to designate \$10,250 for Caswell, noting that \$5,750 had already been designated. She also noted that funds may be shifted later, if needed. Funds were designated as follows:
 - Flex Funds - **\$900.00**. (Information regarding flex funds will go out to mental health providers and stakeholders.)
 - Stipends/Transportation for Parents/Families: \$250.00 already designated w/additional \$250.00 totaling **\$500.00**.
 - Community Collaborative/System of Care Supports - \$2000.00 already designated w/additional \$1500.00 totaling **\$3500.00**.
 - Decision-Making Skills Enhancement (Partnership for Children): \$2500.00 already designated w/additional \$2500.00 totaling **\$5000.00**.
 - Gang & Drug Awareness (Partnership for Children): **\$1000.00**.
 - D.A.R.E Enhancement (Sheriff's Dept): **\$5100.00**.

ACTION: Brody made a motion approve the 2008-09 non-UCR Funding. David seconded. All approved with Sandra and Michael abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

- Brian reported that there is a new application available for Wilderness Camp. You may contact him for an application.

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 **September 3, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Mental Health Center in Yanceyville, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Moore – SOC Logistics