

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

November 21, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry Aiken, Linda Jackson, Tee Price, Lynn Wilkins, Amy Tuttle, Ann Brady, Jenny Wallace, Jeanette Mickle, Kim Mabry, Connie Windham, Felissa Ferrell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Linda McMahan, June Hill, Ervin Best, Toni Troxler, Willie Ore, Celeste DePriest, Greg Hopkins, June Webb, Cindi King, Harold Carelock, Dalys Jansen, Dawn Johnson, Rusty Slate, Jack Moore, Laura King, Barbara McKinney, Sam Derboghosian

The meeting was called to order by Tee Price, Co-Chair. A motion was made by Terry Aiken and seconded by Jenny Wallace to accept the minutes as prepared. Motion carried.

CLIENT UPDATE: Terry Aiken reported that we current have approximately 125 clients on the at-risk lists. At present we do not have a waiting list. Some of the QP's have caseloads of 24-25 clients. We will be losing Jennifer Blalock who is getting married and moving away, and Zara Blackwell will be going out on maternity leave.

Terry also reported that Intensive In-Home Services would soon be a part of our agency. He also reported there is a new company in Eden, which has been approved for Community Support Services (CSS). He also added that other agencies including Central Care and Youth Haven which have also been approved for CSS. However, these agencies do not provide intensive in-home services, which is why we are pushing to implement that area.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: Terry reported they are continuing to meet every other Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. He would like to see an increase in participants therefore, the QP's are pushing parents to participate in this support group.

Tee Price also reminded the RC3 that Rockingham County Youth Services provides parent's support group also at night, if there are parents who cannot attend during the day.

PROVIDER ASSOCIATION: Jeannette Mickle reported the group is not meeting as intensely as when they first started. They are presently meeting on a quarterly basis for QA/QI issues. The next meeting is in January 2007.

CARE REVIEW: Connie Windham reported that Alamance and Caswell Community Collaboratives have each created Care Review subcommittees. This committee reviews cases when the Child and Family Team is considering out of home placement for a child, to ensure that all other options have been considered/implemented prior to placement and with the goal of keeping children in their home and community whenever possible. Ms. Windham indicated that Rockingham County may want to consider a similar committee. The responsibilities of this committee will be discussed and agreed upon after the SOC Training in January.

VALUOPTIONS: Terry reported that authorizations are still coming into our facility at a slow pace. However, they are a little faster for the local providers.

Ann Brady complimented Life Turn Group Home on well they work with the school system. For example, their willingness to place a staff member with a child if one-on-one services are not available. It has really helped with the children.

OLD BUSINESS

STATE REFORM: Connie Windham indicated that the Division now refers to the MH reform process as Mental Health “transformation” rather than “reform”. Some good things have come from the transformation. Terry reported that we are starting to settle down and are able to focus on client care.

NON-UCR MONIES: The proposal was approved by the Division as submitted. MOAs have been sent to all parties except for the MOA for treatment services for clients not eligible for Medicaid/Health Choice/IPRS state funds (B2). The MOA was originally designated for the RCMH Area Program. However, as RCMH is now a provider, it was suggested that the funds be held in reserve by the LME. If assigned to any one provider, it would show favoritism. The funds will be held in reserve to be used by any treatment provider, if needed, due to lack of insurance coverage. Motion was made by Ann Brady to accept these changes, with Jeannette Mickle seconding the motion. Motion carried.

Connie reported that three providers responded to the RFA’s for Crisis Respite.

Connie also reported a recent \$479,000 de-allocation in CTSP funds. This could have implications for availability of Non-UCR funds in the future and for children’s services in the catchment area. She indicated that agencies allocated Non-UCR funding should implement those programs/services in a timely manner. Ann Brady requested Connie track funds county by county. She will report to the RC3 quarterly.

NEW BUSINESS

SOC TRAINING: The RC3 is responsible for seeing that System of Care (SOC) is implemented in our area. Tee recommended that the training be held in the Tech Building at Rockingham Community College. Training will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch provided.

RC3 MEMBERSHIP: Discussion was held on members’ attendance and possible new members to be appointed to the RC3. All providers should be invited to this meeting. Connie will compose a list of providers and invitations will be sent to all. Should there be a large number of attendees to the RC3, we may have to look at other facilities for meeting space.

Ann Brady recommended that an invitation letter be sent to any agency that is not represented on the RC3 at this time.

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Letters will be sent to “current members” who have not attended recently inquiring as to their membership intent. A letter will be sent to Jack Moore, of Office of Juvenile Justice to select one person to be the representative on the RC3.

Sherry Grogan reported that a former member (parent) has requested to be re-instated on the collaborative. It was agreed that she would not be given membership at this time as her child is no longer being served by MHC.

Tee made a motion to accept Linda Jackson, Kim Mabry and Felissa Ferrell as new members of the RC3. Ann Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Collaborative will be held after the SOC Training on January 16, 2007 at RCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Grogan
Scribe