

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

August 14, 2007

Members Present:

Amy Tuttle – Rockingham Co. DSS
Ann Wood – Caring Family Network
Connie Windham – Alamance LME
Dawn Johnson – Youth Haven Services
Felissa Ferrell – Rockingham Co. DSS
Jaime Pash – Guardian Ad Litem, Forsyth County
Kim Mabry – Health Department
Melanie Tudor – Youth Haven Services
Teresa Price – Rockingham Co. Youth Services

Guests:

Alicia Graham – Alamance LME
Victor Armstrong – Advanced Health Resources
Helen Feroli – Alamance LME

The meeting was called to order by co-chair Tee Price. Everyone introduced themselves. It was announced that Chris Castle, from DSS, will begin to take minutes since Sherry's other duties at Mental Health are requiring more time. Jaime Pash attended for Will Ore. This will be Amy Tuttle's last meeting. Amy will be leaving Rockingham County DSS after accepting a position as the new director of Henry-Martinsville Social Services.

Presentation:

Alamance LME presented information on accessing mental health and crisis services. Effective 9/1/07 there will be no walk-ins at Rockingham County Mental Health Center (RCMHC). Advanced Health Resources will provide services for walk-ins. Their location is at 730 S. Scales Street in Reidsville. Victor Armstrong was introduced from Advanced Health. There will still be someone at the RCMHC through the end of September for this transition period. For after-hours access, call the 24-hour crisis hotline. Alamance LME has hired a provider to handle all after-hours for hospitalizations, phone assessment, mobile crisis team, etc. A current LME handout was shared, "*A Guide to Accessing Mental Health, Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse Services,*" and had the walk-in crisis services information on the back cover.

Victor Armstrong presented information also regarding the change. Advanced Health Resources (AHR) will provide crisis services from 8 am to 5 pm although they have a cut-off time for accepting walk-ins at 4:30 pm. The consumer's service provider is still the first responder to handle crisis situations. If consumer needs to present at AHR, provider is expected to accompany and stay with consumer.

Emergency room is still to be used for commitments after hours.

AHR also is a provider who offers community support and other mental health services. AHR opened in May. Victor stated the major need in the community is for psychiatric services. They are contracting with ACT Medical group for psychiatric services, medication evaluations and are looking at access through telemedicine. AHR will have an open house for the community in September.

Alamance LME will be presenting at a Sheriff's meeting and will discuss crisis services there. There is also CIT training offered this November.

Minutes:

Previous minutes of 6/19/07 were approved with one correction to be made: On page 3 change the word "Allied" to "Advanced" for Advanced Health Resources. Motion made by Melanie to approve minutes; Amy seconded.

Committee discussed recognition of Sherry with a plaque for her years of service. Tee will follow up with suggestions and let everyone know the cost.

Client Updates:

Dawn reported 91 consumers, 15 Juvenile Justice and 11-12 of the 91 are in placement.

Ann reported 2 Rockingham DSS children in therapeutic foster care. Her agency is looking to recruit other homes.

Discussion turned again to psychiatric needs of community and telemedicine. Dawn mentioned that several consumers see Dr. Headen but she is looking for other providers. Had been looking at contacting ACT Medical about contracting with them. Since AHR may also be offering this, we will ask Victor for further information regarding his company. Was suggested we learn more about telemedicine and Dawn is going to contact ACT Medical and invite them to do a presentation. Suggestion was made to invite other providers in our area to attend.

Parent Support Group: No report.

Provider Association: Ann reported that a Provider Association meeting had met Friday with low turnout. They are scheduling a meeting with Alamance LME to follow up with concerns presented at meeting. Are developing an easy provider spreadsheet to use to share with other providers so that all can see what other providers do, services offered, etc., to give a detailed profile of provider. Anyone who provides services can be a member of the Providers Association. Currently 12 regular providers attend from all 3 counties, 2 from Rockingham. Connie stated that Alamance is working on a provider list for their website.

Non-UCR Funds: 2007-2008 request approved by SOC; now in Budget office, no official word. Will need to begin working on 2008-2009 beginning around February.

Subcommittees:

Resources – to meet Monday at 2 pm at Teresa’s office. Will report at next collaborative meeting.

CFT/Care Review Protocols – met twice since last collaborative meeting. Discussed Children & Family team meetings and protocols and implementing Care Review.

Have several projects including care review referral forms and a handbook. Next meeting will be August 28th at 11:00 in Terry’s office. Ann would like to attend meeting and her name is to be added to the list.

Memorandum of Agreement- Discussed suggested recommendations for wording of the MOA. One suggestion was to include the use of trained facilitators for CFT meetings. The committee acknowledged that the use of neutral facilitators, who can focus on the process of the meeting and remain neutral, is ideal. It’s possible non-UCR funds can be used for facilitator training. Connie will revise the MOA with suggestions made and we will discuss again at October meeting when more people may be in attendance.

Membership Committee – need new provider names and addresses. Victor is a new member. Debra Bullock is the new parent representative per Dawn. Dawn will email Chris Ms. Bullock’s address to contact about attending the next meeting.

By-Laws – Will report at next meeting.

Funding – Needs to meet

Training – 3 members met last week. Will report at next meeting.

The next collaborative meeting will be held October 16 at 2:00 pm in the Children & Family Services building.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Castle
Scribe

Attachments: 8/21/07 Draft MOA; 8/2007 LME Child Provider List