

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
October 16, 2007

Members Present:

Ann Brady – Rockingham Co. Schools
Ann Wood – Caring Family Network
Connie Windham - LME
Dawn Johnson – Youth Haven Services
Ervin Best – Juvenile Justice
Felissa Ferrell – Rockingham Co. DSS
Harold Carelock – Youth Haven Services
Jennerine Wallace – Life Turn
Linda McMahan – Rockingham Co. Mental Health
Tee Price – Rockingham Co. Youth Services
Terry Aiken – Rockingham Co. Mental Health
Yolanda Millner – Connections Behavioral Health Services
Zara Blackwell – Life Turn

The meeting was called to order by Tee. Minutes of 8/14/07 were approved with no corrections. Motion made by Ervin to approve; Terry seconded.

Sherry Grogan, former scribe, was presented a plaque for her years of service to the collaborative.

Client Updates:

Terry reported 95 Community Support consumers. He stated that the Intensive In-Home services were not yet in place. The person they interviewed and wanted for the position accepted another offer. They will re-post this position.

Dawn reported 85 Community Support consumers, 7 Intensive In-Home, 16 Day Treatment and 12 residential.

Ann Wood reported 1 Rockingham County child in therapeutic foster care. Ann had a few handouts about Caring Family Network that she shared.

Zara reported 35 consumers and 6 residential.

Yolanda reported 10 Community Support-Child consumers, 5 Community Support-Adult and 6 group home.

Members were wondering about the number of county group homes. Named at least 12, know there are a few more. *Connie said she will bring a list of licensed group homes from the LME.*

Discussion about Level 3 group homes, are they going to be done away with? Some LME's are not giving out approval letters for these. There is a need for female beds. Terry stated they are having to go out of county. Also therapeutic foster care homes are needed. *It was suggested to ask Felissa and Lynn about the foster care homes in county.*

Parent Support Group:

Need regular parent attendance. Terry reported that parent group had dropped from 5 to 2 members. Time of meeting is evening, after-work hours to make it more convenient for parents. Need to try to build attendance. Will be sending out flyers.

Provider Association:

Ann Wood reported. Not much representation from Rockingham County. Ann reported the ACR Council met with the LME regarding provider concerns (financial, how to get reimbursed for therapeutic foster care and group care and authorization problems...). Were given guidance on these issues.

Provider Association is trying to work on by-laws, increase membership. Ann will email those attending today's meeting about the Association so they can look at information. They meet the second Friday each month at noon in Graham at Carver's on Elm. Discussion of other possible meeting locations, possibly in Elon or Gibsonville. Ann will look into this.

Subcommittees:

Care Review: New chairperson is Yolanda due to Melanie Tudor no longer serving on the collaborative. Working on the MOA and the SOC handbook for providers, agencies and families. Harold is added to this subcommittee. *The next meeting is November 15 at 10 a.m. at Juvenile Justice office.*

Harold brought up a situation he had recently regarding needing emergency/acute care for a consumer. The consumer had no insurance so he was referred to the LME. The ACCESS unit worker referred him back to Rockingham Care Review Team, although Harold had informed the worker that there was presently no Care Review in Rockingham County. Connie indicated that in Alamance and Caswell emergency placements do not require Care Review prior to placement but the Care Review must be scheduled as soon as possible after the placement is made. *This is an issue that the CFT/Care Review protocols committee will address in their recommended protocols.*

MOA – Connie had made the suggested changes and handed out the final draft. *Members will look over and review and this will be voted on at next meeting.*

Resource: Cindi King is off the committee. They are reviewing information, a list of agencies in Rockingham County that provide services, including faith-based and community programs. Possible needs are independent living and transition services for youth aging out of foster care, and youth with mental health and developmental disabilities transitioning to adult services, mentoring services, and certified substance abuse counselors. No parent is on subcommittee. *Next Resource meeting is October 29 at 2:30 in Tee's office.*

Discussion on collaborative membership: Victor Armstrong (Advanced Health Resources) is a new member. Another parent, Debra Bullock plans to attend and planned to be here today but she had a conflict (district meeting to attend) per Harold. Cindi King, a parent representative, has moved out of the area. Members were asked to recommend parents who may like to participate. We can have several parents on the collaborative, and they can qualify due to receiving past or present services. Connie said that having a youth on the collaborative would also be good, but it was pointed out that meeting time conflicts with school hours.

By-laws: No report. However, *still need to discuss and finalize recent draft.*

Training: No chairperson yet. Need information and guidelines. *Connie has information she will give them.* Frank Strange is to be contacted to see if he wants to continue with the collaborative and the subcommittee as he hasn't been attending.

Funding: Needs to meet. *Yolanda will tell Betty.*

Subcommittees – Chairpersons were appointed to all subcommittees and some members changed. Members were reminded that nonmembers of the collaborative may serve on subcommittees, as stated in By-laws. Ann Brady noted we did not have Program Planning included on the subcommittee list, and this was added in with the By-laws subcommittee.

Updated subcommittee list will be sent out with meeting minutes. *The chair of each subcommittee is to communicate with Chris about each meeting,* and Chris will help to coordinate meeting dates, notifications, etc. Chris will also notify Connie and Tee of all meetings.

Non-UCR:

Connie stated no approval yet for 2007-08 but should know this week and then the MOA's should go out before the next meeting. **Please sign MOA and send back to Connie.** Regarding 2006-07, final figures showed 20% of budget was not spent, and this is something that needs to be worked on.

Connie reported that the LME has a new medical director. Also a new complaint person: Connie Brown, ext. 4220. Amy Stevens has left the LME.

Connie handed out information on the State SOC conference being held December 3-4 and the LME Stakeholder meeting on October 24.

Other:

Terry reported that crisis walk-ins are still coming to the mental health center and not going to Advanced Health. Apparently this change had been delayed due to problems Advanced had regarding commitments but is due to begin November 1.

Tee mentioned “prompt reimbursement” regarding LME – providers are entitled that claims be denied or approved within 18 days of receipt and clean claims paid within 30 days after approval. Ann Wood confirmed that there is a “prompt pay” requirement applying to clean claims that are submitted. There was some discussion regarding the number of days the LME has to pay clean claims; clarification is needed. This is in performance contract.

Ann shared a few handouts about Caring Family Network.

Harold and Dawn reported that Youth Haven has contracted for telepsychiatry services. It was suggested that it would be good to have someone speak at our next meeting about telepsychiatry. *Dawn will follow up on this.* Ann Brady also knows the same person and felt it could be arranged for the December meeting.

Next meeting: December 18, 2:00, in the Children & Family Services building.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Castle
Scribe