

**ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE**  
**November 25, 2008**

**Present:**

Amanda Vernon – Rock. Co. MHC/C&F  
Jessie Terrell – Therapeutic Community Resources  
Felissa Ferrell – DSS  
Linda McMahan – Rock. Co. MHC  
Zara Blackwell – Life Turn  
Joyce Ollison – Faith in Families  
Heather Settle – Faith in Families  
Suzanne Bellian – DMH/DD/SAS  
Lynn Wilkins – DSS  
Terry Aiken – Rock. Co. MHC/C&F

(Prior notice given by: Jack Moore, Connie Windham, Dawn Johnson, Lori Wright, Amanda Reeves, Heather Kilpatrick, Tee Price, Ann Brady)

Felissa (co-chair) opened the meeting today. With some attending for the first time today, we went around the table and introduced ourselves. Faith in Families, Inc., is a new provider in our county, with Joyce Ollison the CEO.

Chris had been asked after the September meeting to bring a “Thank You Tee and Ann” cake today in appreciation of their chairing the collaborative these past years. Tee had been chairperson since 2001 and Ann co-chair since 2005. We decided to enjoy the beautifully decorated cake in their absence and Felissa called a “cake break!”

The minutes for the 9/23/08 meeting were approved with no corrections. Motion made by Terry to approve; Amanda seconded; all in favor.

**Parent Support Group:** No report from Youth Services.

**Provider Association:** Zara had attended the local meeting. There was not much of a turnout for the last meeting but the providers shared and discussed information. Charles Key (Therapeutic Community Resources) has been organizing the meetings, and Zara believes they will try to have one every other month at the Reidsville library. Chris was asked to call Charles for information so we can make sure all the collaborative providers know when the meetings will be.

**Subcommittees:**

**CFT/Care Review:** Felissa said there have been 3 reviews since our September meeting. One consumer did receive approval for Level 3 placement and team requested an update in 60 days. Two reviews were updates, where Care Review had asked them to return in 60 or 90 days. One of the consumers has made a lot of progress, services going well and will not need to return to Care Review. Felissa and Terry, both on the Care Review team, stated they felt the reviews were going well and were very beneficial for the consumers and helped with reducing placements.

Joyce asked about participating with the Care Reviews. Felissa explained how Care Review is made up of representatives from stakeholders such as DSS, Juvenile Justice, school system, a parent representative and then the providers “rotate” turns on the review team. Chris said she is making the new list of Care Review dates and will add Faith in Families to the list as a provider representative.

**Funding:** Chris had the minutes from their 9/30/08 meeting and Felissa read these. DMH had approved the 08-09 Non-UCR request, and programs allocated funds had received MOA’s for their services. They had one flex fund request that was approved to assist with housing and utility deposit to support the family in maintaining stable housing and allow children to return to family home.

Suzanne mentioned the 5% statewide cut that occurred since 9/30/08 that is probably affecting the budget now. The initial budget was reduced 3% per the State deallocation request, then another 2% budget deallocation was requested. Felissa suggested we get an update from the LME for our next meeting.

At this time Felissa announced Connie Windham is leaving the LME, has accepted a position with Alamance DSS. November 26 is her last day at the LME. Chris handed out copies of a note Connie had written to RC3 members. Chris said that Connie stated we can contact Victor Armstrong at the LME with any SOC questions.

**Membership/Nominating:** Terry said they have not met since our last meeting.

**Resource:** Felissa read the 9/30/08 minutes from their last meeting. The committee is discussing resources/needs and is focusing on substance abuse (SA) issues. They reviewed substance abuse evidence-based practice information. They noted the need for additional services and are interested in additional information on Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT) training and ACRA information. Connie was to bring CYT info to their next meeting and Amanda Vernon was to look at ACRA. The committee also discussed that a SA Task Force needs to be developed in the community, and Tee and Jack were to discuss this with the Annie Penn committee.

Amanda is on the Resource subcommittee and said that SA treatment is changing to evidence-based training, which the MAJORS program that she does is having to change to, including the

use of GAIN. Amanda says that training for this takes away from billing time and so is hard to arrange since training takes so much time. GAIN is 3 ½ days training. Suzanne said that GAIN will be the standard for those over age 12. Amanda will contact Victor Armstrong at the LME about any information he has that Connie was planning to find out about for the Resource subcommittee and RC3.

**Training:** Chris said they have not met since last RC3 meeting.

**Non-UCR Funds:** Chris was asked to get info from the LME to update us at next meeting.

**New Business/Other:** Faith in Families passed out some brochures and business cards. They are a new provider and are presently covering Rockingham and Caswell counties. The LME has their information. They were endorsed 10/1/08 and are waiting on their Medicaid number from DMA. Their focus is now on children and they will now take referrals for services. They provide Intensive In-Home services, diagnostic assessments and outpatient therapy. Joyce said they hope to later get into MST.

Linda asked for clarification about an email that Larry Johnson (Human Services Director) had sent her agency. Lynn Wilkins said that HELP, Inc., is starting a Children's Advocacy Center for Rockingham County to provide forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapeutic intervention and other services for victims of child abuse. Contact Angie Boles at HELP for more information.

Felissa shared information about CASP funding (Cross-Area Service Program). DMH provided funds to Center Point and to Durham. Rockingham County representatives are working with Center Point regarding mobile crisis response and also walk-in services.

**The next meeting will be January 27, 2009, at 2:00 in the Children & Family Services building of Mental Health.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Castle  
Scribe