

**Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham
Tri-County Community Collaborative
Executive Committee**

February 27, 2007

The Tri-County Executive Collaborative met on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at the Altamahaw-Ossipee School with the following representatives in attendance:

Ann Brady – Rockingham

Bill Hussey – Alamance
Gary Ander – Alamance
Connie Windham – Alamance

Nelson Showalter – Caswell

County Collaborative Updates:

Caswell Collaborative

- Donald Pinchback, DJJDP has transferred to Durham County, thus leaving a vacancy for Chair of the Caswell Collaborative with February being his last collaborative meeting.
- Caswell Collaborative has been working on increasing membership, which is occurring. A family member has also been identified to serve on the committee.
- The Collaborative hosted a Mobile Crisis presentation on February 7, 2007, which was well attended.

Alamance Collaborative

- The ABSS Summer Reading Program is moving forward with planning for the upcoming season. Summer school will be held system wide this year, which will impact referrals.
- Comprehensive training efforts have culminated with Connie Windham at the forefront and Sue Ward providing logistical support. Quarterly trainings are planned for System of Care Overview and Child & Family Teams/Care Review/Family Involvement modules. Last week the first training addressing agency protocols was held with six major child-serving agencies sharing mandates, how to access services, and sharing of realistic expectations. This training was attended by 45 individuals with positive feedback from all

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- A Resource Fair is planned for May 17, 2007 at the National Guard Armory with thirty agencies (both child and adult) committed to participation thus far. The event will be held from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. so that families might attend easier.
- Child & Family Team Facilitator Training, led by Wendy Tonker was held in December 2006 with 25 people attending.
- The Alamance Collaborative has the responsibility for oversight for School Based CFST (Child and Family Support Teams).
- The Care Review process, an arm of the Community Collaborative, continues its efforts to track CTSP kids and out of home placements. Care Review is working to minimize or reduce out of home placements and focus on workable transition plans that are ready immediately upon the child's return to the community.
- The Children's Executive Oversight Committee received endorsement by the Alamance County Commissioners. A Memorandum of Agreement written by Bill Hussey supporting utilization of system of care principles has been signed by the Oversight Committee members and endorsed by the County Commissioners. Commissioner Dan Ingle has been appointed to work with the committee.
- JCPC awarded \$10,000 for transportation services to support Child & Family Teams, mental health appointments, etc. Alamance Burlington School System will manage these funds to pay cab fare so that parents / kids without transportation can attend meetings.

Rockingham Collaborative

- Rockingham shared frustration over the number of mom & pop mental health agencies erupting in the county necessitating focus on handling the situations that arise. Bill Hussey shared a procedure/protocol with agencies that is used in Alamance Burlington Schools before they can participate. ***Action: Bill Hussey will forward information to Rockingham County for review.***

Discussion ensued around the twenty million dollars more a month being billed in North Carolina for community support services following divestiture. Rockingham requested listing of providers for Rockingham County. The listing contains Alamance/Caswell and Rockingham providers. ***Action: Connie Windham will sort the listing by counties***

- The Rockingham Collaborative received System of Care training in January 2007. System of Care representatives Gary Ander, Connie Windham, and Sherry Loman presented Module I: System of Care Overview and Module II: Child & Family Teams/Care Review/Family Involvement. This was a successful training with positive response from participants.

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- At the most recent Rockingham Collaborative meeting the Division of MH/DD/SA presented training on non-UCR fund.
- Strategic planning will begin in March 2007.

Crisis Respite Bed Update:

Connie Windham reported the contract with Easter Seals was signed mid December 2006 with no bed use during the month. Eight bed days were utilized in January with Rockingham utilizing 5 days, Alamance 3 days. The results are not completed for the month of February; however use has occurred.

The contract pays a retainer of \$40 per day. When the bed is utilized costs are billed to Value Options or the LME. It is cost advantageous for each Collaborative to utilize bed days as well as justify need for the next fiscal year.

2006-2007 Non UCR Funds:

Connie Windham noted she has talked with all agencies receiving non-UCR funds and all assure funds will be utilized although allocation did not arrive until late in the year. A difficult situation exists with CTSP (formerly Willie M.) funds following notification of a \$479,000 de-allocation this fiscal year; a significant cut (37% of CTSP budget). Normally more than enough funds have been available in previous years. Already this year all CTSP funds have been utilized. There are child mental health monies remaining. Children eligible for CTSP are also eligible for child mental health funds. It is possible that all funds will be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year. The LME is requesting that any unexpended non-UCR funds be transferred back. The Rockingham Collaborative voted at their last meeting to return approximately \$26,000 of unexpended dollars.

Alamance looked at \$1,500 earmarked for sex offender evaluations not utilized which could be returned. This will be presented to the Alamance Collaborative at the March meeting.

Caswell has expended all monies with the exception of \$2,500 for the position of logistics coordinator, which was filled late in the year.

Action: Each Collaborative will carefully consider funding for the next fiscal year with a focus on UCR-mental health services.

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2007-2008 non-UCR Process:

Collaboratives are to plan on ten percent or less for transfer to non-UCR when planning for the next fiscal year. Connie Windham shared a handout and recommendation for planning for the next fiscal year utilizing a request for proposal process. Decision about what programs are to be funded should be based on needs in the community. The JCPC Needs Assessment provides this information. A form will be utilized that would institute an RFP process with a funding subcommittee in each collaborative looking at their county's proposals and making recommendation to their larger collaborative body. There is strong reasoning behind JCPC and Community Collaborative committees merging into working committees. *Action: The Executive Committee supports this idea.*

Discussion ensued as to whether funding agencies eligible for non-UCR funding should be limited by tax status. *Action: Connie Windham will seek clarification from Richard Stegenga, LME.*

OTHER BUSINESS:

Gary Ander noted the next quarterly meeting would occur in May and encouraged all Collaboratives to have a cursory plan to present at that time. Each Collaborative must decide what priority needs exist. This process could piggyback with the JCPC cycle already in operation. Identify needs, request for proposals, review and recommendations. *Action: Community Collaboratives should work towards completing the process by the next meeting.*

FUTURE AGENDA:

Bill Hussey, Chairman, requested agenda items be submitted to him prior to each meeting. Sue Ward will then prepare agenda.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. at Altamahaw-Ossipee School.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ward, SOC Logistics