Imperial Calcasieu Human Services Authority

Governance Board Meeting

Region V OBH Regional Office

3505 5th Avenue, Suite B

Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607

March 13, 2012, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

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1. MEMBERS PRESENT
	1. Mrs. Patti Farris, appointed by Beauregard Parish
	2. Mrs. Sandy Gay, appointed by Calcasieu Parish.
	3. Mrs. Susan DuPont, appointed by Cameron Parish
	4. Mr. David Palay, appointed by Governor Jindal
	5. Clarence “Chris” Stewart, appointed by Governor Jindal
	6. Mrs. Christina Mehal, appointed by Jefferson Davis Parish

Absent

1. Mr. Doug Hebert, Jr., appointed by Allen Parish.
2. Mr. Shawn Sabelhaus, appointed by Governor Jindal

Guests

1. Ms. Tanya McGee, Office of Behavioral Health, Liaison with Department of Health and Hospitals
2. Mrs. Susan Fry, OBH Regional Administrator
3. Tarek Polite, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury
4. James Lewis, OCDD
5. Gordon Propst, Robinswood School

Chris Stewart opened the meeting and reported that Doug Hebert would be absent. His sister died this afternoon. Christina Mehal reported that Shawn Sabelhaus would also be absent since he is out of town.

1. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES

David Palay moved that the February minutes be approved. Susan DuPont seconded the motion. The Board unanimously passed the motion and the minutes were approved.

1. MOVE TO MAGELLAN FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, Susan Fry, OBH Regional Administrator

Mrs. Susan Fry gave a presentation on the move of behavioral health services to a managed care system under Magellan. The power point is attached to the minutes.

Throughout and after the presentation, several questions emerged and the following points were made:

1. In order to bill Magellan, an agency uses the “Clinical Advisor” software program. This is a web-based electronic health record and all information about a client can be recorded in that program, not just information applicable to Magellan. The web site for Magellan has information about this software and information about training opportunities.
2. Some of the funds previously allocated to the agencies will now be diverted to Magellan for Medicare clients. It may be as much as one-half of the monies previously received that will go to Magellan. The agencies will now have to bill Magellan for all Medicaid clients. The Board asked about if we are able to opt out of the Magellan partnership. The clinics would be unable to serve any Medicaid clients, which is a large source of revenue.
3. ImCal will negotiate a contract with Magellan to continue to provide services under Medicaid. We still have the responsibility to decide which specific services will be provided in this area.
4. The goal in delegating BH services to a managed care agency is to increase federal funding by putting state dollars into the Medicaid system, which draws a federal match.
5. The Magellan partnership does not have anything to do with the Office of Developmental Disabilities.
6. It is required that all clients requesting BH services apply for Medicaid. If a client is refused Medicaid, that refusal is documentation that will make it possible to seek other state funding for the services.
7. Magellan is one funding source and the Districts will be dealing with several funding sources.
8. Christina Mehal pointed out that this arrangement may result in individual practitioners refusing to accept Medicaid clients since they will be asked to accept less money for dealing with a more challenging population. The rates as it appears now are about one-half of what practitioners presently charge.

Susan Fry also reported that her agency received a notice from LSU that the contract to operate the Psychiatric Unit at Moss Regional Hospital was terminated effective February 29, 2012. The unit had to be closed and the region lost 30 positions. DHH has an agreement with St. Patrick Hospital to open 15 adult psychiatric beds on April 1, 2012.

1. BY-LAWS FINAL APPROVAL

David Palay moved to adopt the amended by-laws Susan DuPont seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve the amended by-laws.

1. UPDATE ON PHASE 1

Tanya McGee reported that the formal report recommending approval of the district completing phase 1 is being sent to Anthony Speier for signature then routed to the DHH Secretary, Bruce Greenstein for approval and signature. Tanya has not heard from Bruce’s secretary to see where they are in the signing process but hopefully we will know by the end of next week.

1. STATUS REPORT ON INFORMATION GATHERED ON ADVERTISING SOURCES AND MEDIA INFORMATION

David Palay reported that his attempt to contact Paul Rainwater was unsuccessful. The goal in contacting Rainwater was that he asks the governor to make three staged announcements regarding the formation of the district and the completion of phase 1. These announcements could be two press releases and maybe a coordinated effort with one of his trips to this area.

Several suggestions were made to get in touch with Rainwater.

1. David Palay will contact Mayor Roach to see if he will get the message to Rainwater.
2. Tarek Polite, Christina Mehal and Tanya McGee also know Rainwater. It was suggested that several calls from several people may be helpful.

Another suggestion for publicity was to put an article in the America Press Sunday talk session. Once it is in the American Press, the other papers in the district can pick it up.

Every week the American Press reports a talk session, which would be a good place to highlight the district. Once in American Press it could get in the other papers. Tanya McGee agreed to write up a draft press release and send it to the Board through email to get feedback so that a final release can be prepared.

David Palay will also get in touch with Doug Hebert to come up with some questions and answers so that one member of the Board can be interviewed by the paper and possibility the TV stations.

Tanya McGee reported that she had contacted the Human Resources Department at DHH and spoke with Lauren Guttzeit. Results of that conversation:

1. The Baton Rouge office can assist with newspaper advertising. They can put an ad through AP which would hit major newspapers in the state. The Board should handle local papers and news stations for publicity.
2. Regarding recruitment through universities, Lauren reported that at one time with a larger staff, the central office maintained lists of university contacts for recruitment. However, they no longer can do that service and now universities call their office to see if positions are available. Tanya will do attempt to search for recruitment contacts at LA universities.
3. The Baton Rouge Office can assist in national searches such as the AAICD list and the National Council on Behavioral Health.
4. All applications will be funneled through the Civil Service website.

Susan DuPont agreed to be the contact person for Lauren. Tanya will give Lauren Susan’s email address.

1. TENTATIVE ITEMS FOR APRIL 10, 2012, AGENDA
	1. Update on Phase 1
	2. Tanya will contact schools including LSU and the University of Houston to determine their recruiting information and will give her report.
	3. Report on the press release worked on during the month.
	4. OCDD Presentation
2. ADJOURN

Sandy Gay, Secretary