



Acadiana Area Human Services District-Board Meeting Minutes

Tyler Mental Health Center

March 24, 2014

Members Present: Claire Daly (Governor Appointment/Iberia Parish); Rob Eastin (Evangeline Parish); Patricia LaBrosse (Governor Appointment/Lafayette Parish); Kay Marcel (Iberia Parish); Mary Neiheisel (Lafayette Parish)

Members Absent: — Georgie Blanchard (St. Martin Parish) – notified of absence; Janise Hardy (Vermilion Parish) – notified of absence; George Pourciau (Acadia Parish) – notified of absence; Amy Theobald (St. Landry Parish)

Employees: Brad Farmer, Executive Director; Jennifer Sonnier, Administrative Assistant; Chuck Stelly, Clinic Manager at Tyler Mental Health Center

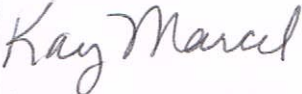
Others: Kathleen Boudreaux, Nurse Practitioner; Bambi Polotzola, parent advocate/DD Council member; Melanie Roberts, Liaison Louisiana Behavioral Health Council (LBHAC); Mauricia Walters, Families Helping Families of Acadiana Director

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Call to Order		Call to order by Dr. Mary Neiheisel, Chair at 6:19 p.m.
Roll Call	<u>5</u> board members personally present.	
Quorum (5 needed)	<u>5</u> board members personally present.	Secretary announced a Quorum present.
Approval of February 24, 2014, Minutes	Patricia LaBrosse/Ron Eastin moved/seconded approval of February minutes.	Motion passed unanimously.
Solicit Public Comment Requests	None	
Public Comments/Input	Kathleen Boudreaux, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, described the break down and gaps in access to care that she has observed, which result in individuals with severe and chronic mental illness cycling in and out of hospital ERs and in-patient psychiatric hospitals where they are stabilized and released without needed support systems. She provided a handout	

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	<p>that identified specific issues and service/support gaps.</p> <p>Ms. Boudreaux would like to work with others to find solutions to these issues. Patricia LaBrosse offered to help Ms. Boudreaux connect with folks at the Extra Mile that identify these same issues and are working with a broad coalition to find solutions.</p> <p>Claire Daly noted Federal grants through the Justice Department and mental health services may be available in the future similar to the one Iberia Parish currently has for juveniles.</p> <p>Brad Farmer noted that it may be possible to expand the current contract with Extra Mile to provide additional Peer Support Specialists.</p>	
<p>Guest Speaker – Melanie Roberts, Liaison Louisiana Behavioral Health Advocacy Council (LBHAC)</p>	<p>Ms. Roberts provided an overview of the LBHAC and its relationship to Behavioral Health Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). She noted that the LBHAC reviews and advises the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) on the Federal Block Grant funds received by the state for mental health services (\$5 million) and substance abuse services (\$26 million). The RACs do the same for the LGEs in development of a plan on how their block grants funds (approx. \$260,000 each) will be used and also monitor/review the use of the funds. Block grant funds cannot be used for in-patient services or “bricks and mortar” (facilities). They are used for out-patient services and education/training. RACs also provide input to LGE Boards.</p>	
<p>Agenda Calendar Items a. Executive Limit i. Communication with and Support to the Board (pg. 15)</p>	<p>A handout was distributed listing ways the ED communicates with and supports the Board.</p> <p>Patricia LaBrosse/Kay Marcel</p>	<p>Motion passed</p>

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<p>b. Board-ED Linkage i.Unity of Control (pg. 26)</p>	<p>moved/seconded that Board is operating in compliance</p> <p>Policies, Bylaws, and minutes document that only those decisions of the Board acting as a body are binding on the ED.</p> <p>Rob Eastin/Claire Daly moved/seconded that Board is operating in compliance</p>	<p>unanimously.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business</p> <p>a. Community Foundation of Acadiana</p> <p>b. LGE Assessment</p>	<p>There was discussion and agreement among Board members present that they were interested in working with the Foundation but would like more specific information before considering action. Brad Farmer was asked to gather more information for presenting to the Board at the April meeting.</p> <p>Brad Farmer reported that one more person needs to sign off on the written report from the DHH Assessment Team and he expects to receive the report soon. He has been told the assessment went well.</p> <p>Senior management team has begun going through operational procedures to incorporate comments received during the Assessment Team's visit.</p>	
<p>Comments from Ex. Director</p>	<p>Brad Farmer noted that the Regular Legislative session has begun and mentioned several bills/issues being considered.</p> <p>Brad Farmer will be testifying/presenting the AAHSD budget to the Appropriations Committee on April 1st.</p> <p>There is much discussion and requests by legislators for information about LGE budget amounts and the funding formula</p>	

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	<p>used to distribute the funds to LGEs. Legislators have noted the inequity in funding between LGEs. DHH has said they are looking at revising the formula.</p> <p>There was discussion by Board members on how they can as individuals provide information to area legislators about the AAHSD budget and need for funds. Mary Neiheisel said she would contact Board members to determine who might be interested and able to contact legislators. Rob Easton said he would request a meeting with Senator LaFleur for Brad Farmer and himself.</p> <p>Brad Farmer said they are still waiting to receive the Legislative Auditor's report.</p> <p>A brochure was passed out about the CARF training on April 24th sponsored by the AAHSD and Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>A flyer was passed out about the Children's Behavioral Health Summit that will be held in Baton Rouge on June 6th.</p>	
Comments from Chair	Dr. Mary Neiheisel thanked Board members for their continued participation.	
Announcement and Congratulations to Vickie Simon	Patricia LaBrosse noted that Vickie Simon, R. N., Tyler Mental Health employee and one of 25 nurses in Acadiana, will be recognized at Acadiana Celebrates Nursing on May 3, 2014.	
Date and location of Next Meeting	<p>PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Council (RAC) 2. Agenda Calendar Items 	<p>Date and Time: Monday, April 28, 2014, 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>Location : Tyler Mental Health Center – 302</p>

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	i. Governance Process -Board Committee Principles ii. Executive Limit - Emergency Ex. Dir. Succession It was mentioned that the 4 th Monday in May is a holiday so Board will need to consider a different meeting day in May.	Dulles Drive, Auditorium 2, Lafayette, LA
Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..
Submitted by Secretary		 Secretary, AAHSDB