
**Alliance Behavioral Healthcare
Area Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

MINUTES

PLACE: The Durham Center, 414 E. Main Street, Third Floor

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lascel Webley, Jr., Chairperson
Dr. Nancy Henley
Ann Akland
Dr. George Corvin
Jim Edgerton
George Quick
Barbara Gardner
Phillip Golden
Monique Holsey Hyman
William Stanford
Scott Taylor
Ellen Holliman via Skype

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rev. Michael Page, John Barry, Amir Berhannu, and
Monique Holsey Hyman

GUESTS PRESENT: Kara Millonzi and Marc Botts from UNC School of Government and
Yvonne French

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Robinson, Sean Schreiber, Kelly Goodfellow, Jeanette Williams,
Lena Klumper, Ann Oshel, Carlyle Johnson, James Osborn,
Susan Knox, Don Willis, Jeff Vealey, Jeff Hildreth, and Lorrie Beal

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Lascel Webley, Jr. called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Webley handed out a brief summary which explained the scope of work that each Board Committee performs and asked Board members if they were interested in serving on one of the Board Committees, they should contact Lorrie Beal.

Due to the NC Council Spring Policy Forum occurring on June 19, 2012, Chairman Webley requested that the Board change the second June Alliance Behavioral Healthcare meeting from Tuesday, June 19 to Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)**

Ellen Holliman briefly stated that she and Ann Akland were at the Wake BOC work session on May 14, 2012 and felt that discussions among Alliance Behavioral Healthcare (Alliance), Wake County and UNC Health Care were somewhat unclear. However, the partnership is in its early formation and there are many details to figure out. The expectation is that the final partnership proposal with Wake County, UNC Health Care and Alliance will go before the Wake BOC by August 2012.

3. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

There were no agenda adjustments.

4. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT – UNC SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT**

Kara Millonzi, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at the UNC School of Government presented the Board development. Topic was Local Government Fiscal Control Act. Upon completion of the Board training, Ms. Millonzi stated that our Finance Officer, Kelly Goodfellow, will need to be reappointed after July 1, 2012 with the appropriate bond in place.

5. **FISCAL YEAR 12-13 BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Goodfellow, led the discussion regarding the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget process. Ms. Goodfellow covered the booklet information that was sent in the Board packet. This booklet covered a Reader's Guide, Message to the Board, History of the Agency, FY 13 Budget Highlights, General Fund Revenues, General Fund Expenditures, Grant Project Budget, Organizational Chart, Full-Time Equivalent Listing, Draft Budget Ordinance, Budget and Amendment Process, FY 2012-2013 Budget Calendar and the Glossary of Terms.

Ms. Goodfellow asked the Board to send her any comments and/or questions as the Budget is set for a public hearing on June 7, 2012 along with a request for approval.

6. **CLIENT SERVICE ARRAY**

Due to a time constraint, Sean Schreiber did not present Alliance's client service array. This will be presented at the June 7, 2012 meeting.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A Motion was made by Jim Edgerton to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Philip Golden.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

9. POLICY DISCUSSION

The Board was asked to review and email Don Willis with any concerns/comments regarding the following policies:

- a. Accessibility of Review Services
- b. Appealing Clinical non-Medical UM Decisions
- c. Consumer Choice
- d. Pre-review Screening
- e. Travel and Reimbursement
- f. Contracting with New and Existing Providers- Rescheduled from April 5 meeting
- g. Relations with Catchment Area County Governments – Rescheduled from April 5 meeting
- h. Area Board Code of Ethics and Conduct – Rescheduled from March 26 meeting

The Board entered into a discussion regarding the Travel and Reimbursement policy; some Board members recommended setting a flat rate for hotel expenses; other Board members expressed concern about setting flat rates and some Board members expressed that we should mirror the state’s process for travel reimbursement.

Mr. Willis will gather comments/suggestions by May 25, 2012 in order to present a final recommendation to the Board at the June 7, 2012 meeting.

10. PURCHASE OF APPLE IPads for new AREA BOARD

At the Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 a discussion was held regarding the use and purchase of IPads for the new Area Board. The IPads would be used to replace the paper Board packets sent every month. A suggestion was made to the Area Board to forgo their monthly stipend for eight months to augment the cost involved. There will be a purchasing process involved; Ms. Goodfellow will discuss that process after July 1, 2012.

A Motion was made by George Quick to approve the purchase of the IPads; seconded by Scott Taylor.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING SELECTION PROCESS FOR BOARD ATTORNEY

Ellen Holliman stated that she and Chairman Webley have had discussions regarding the selection process for a Board Attorney. The NC Council has suggested a firm that specializes in healthcare and they have asked the Board to consider entering into a type of consortium with other LMEs in order to have access to specialized attorneys at a reasonable cost. The request for application (rfa) would be another process to consider. Both Ms. Holliman and Chairman Webley believe it is best for Alliance to have two attorneys; one to represent the Board (this would be the consortium attorney) and one to represent the MCO. The two attorneys would have different responsibilities. This will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

12. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman did not report out.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With all business being completed the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Ellen S. Holliman, Area Director

Date: June 7, 2012

***Next Meeting Date
Thursday, June 7, 2012
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