



AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority

Joseph Stone, Board Chairperson
David L. Beck, Ed.D., LPC, Chief Executive Officer

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 7, 2015

5:00 p.m., Mio Annex

1. CONVENE

a. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority Board was held on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the Board's Mio Annex. Vice-Chairperson Patti Casey called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

b. Roll Call

Board members present: Al Evans, Mike Welsch, Scott Colclasure, Rose Walsh, Jay O'Farrell, Roberta Roulo, Patti Casey, Mark Grantner, Bonnie Lixey, Gary Klacking

Board members excused: Joe Stone, Jim Cummins

Board members absent: None

Staff present: Dave Beck; Glenn Gray, Teresa Tokarczyk, Regina Demetrakeas, and Joseph Chrivia

Staff absent: None

Guests: None

A quorum was present.

c. Approval of November 2, 2015 Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Walsh, second by Ms. Roulo, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Board meeting as printed. All ayes, motion passed.

d. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Lixey, second by Mr. Evans, to remove the Newsletter from the correspondence section and approve the Agenda. All ayes, motion passed.

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e. Correspondence

An article from the Ogemaw Herald covering St. Vincent DePaul's effort to assist residents with transportation to and from medical appointments was distributed to the Board. Dr. Beck briefly discussed this with the Board.

f. Announcements – None.

g. Public Comments – None.

2. BOARD EDUCATION

Dr. Beck introduced Conflict-free Case Management to the Board. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services published rules in January (2014) based on rulings that stem from the Olmstead decision, the 2005 the Deficit Reduction Act which put the 1915i waiver into effect, and the Affordable Care Act's Balancing Incentive Program (BIP). It is established as a part of the Home and Community Based Services waiver. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services wants to create a separation between assessment, planning, and services to ensure providers are neither over-utilizing services nor under-utilizing services in an effort to save money. This separation is designed to prevent potential problems in a fee-for-service agency. However, since AuSable Valley operates in a capitated system that is essentially cost contained, there is no incentive to attempt to "game" the system. This seems to contradict 20 years of work to dismantle the silos of services and creates a system with extra administrative costs. Dr. Beck stated that AuSable Valley will take a proactive approach and may consider creating a model with firewalls because in this rural area, no other entity exists to provide these services when it becomes a requirement. AuSable Valley will do more work promoting self-determination to demonstrate that our consumers have a choice. AuSable Valley will also engage consumers and advocates in the development process. Dr. Beck stated our goal is to create a rural model for the State that gives consumers choices. Dr. Beck is confident that our Staff can make this work and follow the requirements of the law. There was some discussion about this mandate.

3. REPORTS

a. Chairman

None.

b. Board Association

The Board stated that Annual Winter Conference will be held in Kalamazoo February 2-3, 2016. Any Board members interested in attending needs to contact Joe Chrivia, Board Secretary, no later than December 21, 2015. There were questions about which Boardworks sessions would be available, Dr. Beck stated he would verify and distribute that information.

c. Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE)

Dr. Beck reported that all Habilitation Supports Waiver corrective actions for the various CMHSPs of the NMRE have been accepted and the NMRE is in compliance.

d. Chief Executive Officer's Report

Dr. Beck presented his CEO Report to the Board. He reported that in a recent conversation where, according to Ms. Marsh, Family Program Supervisor, AuSable Valley is conducting many groups; offering therapy and skill building groups widely available across the area and producing very successful results. He reported that many youth are being discharged with CAFAS scores of 30. With many youths having an initial CAFAS score of over 100, this is simply fantastic work by the Family Program Team.

Dr. Beck reported that AuSable Valley is saving 30 to 40 days of inpatient care per month and the rate of recidivism has stayed well with the performance standard. Further, the access numbers are very exciting. Initial intake appointments are available much quicker and the no-show rate has improved by approximately 30%. This is tremendous and speaks volumes to the Access Staff: clerical, clinical, and leadership.

The Open Door sessions are going well and Dr. Beck discussed how beneficial these informal sessions are for exchanging ideas. This improves communication, which is key in an Agency of this size. Many great ideas have come from these events.

Dr. Beck reported that there may be some changes in Supported Employment in the future. The federal government believes that SE may be redundant since they also fund Michigan Works. Although Michigan Works is not equipped to deal with the special needs of our consumers, this may be required with the further implementation of the Home and Community Based Waiver and other integration initiatives. Dr. Beck will keep the Board updated as more information becomes available.

Finally, Dr. Beck took time to remind the Board of the caring and compassionate nature of the Staff. Besides the hard work they do daily, as the Holidays approach many Staff have contributed to fund raisers and food drives to assist local families.

e. Committee

(1) Personnel – No meeting held this month

(2) Building – November 12, 2015

Committee Chair Al Evans read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Evans, second by Mr. O'Farrell, to accept the proposal to collect four bids for new Agency vehicles as proposed. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Evans, second by Ms. Lixey, to renew all of last year's snow removal contracts and to use Mr. Miller for the Tawas office as proposed. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Evans, second by Ms. Roulo, to accept the bid from Mid-Michigan Asphalt Paving for the Tawas landscaping project for a cost of \$9593.00. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

(3) Program – November 12, 2015

Committee Chair Patti Casey read the Committee meeting minutes.

There were no motions that required action from the Board.

(4) Executive and Finance – November 17, 2015

Committee Chair Gary Klacking read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Ms. Walsh, to accept the FY2016 Budget as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Ms. Roulo, to accept renewal of the Avatar Contract as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Ms. Lixey, to change the pension trustees to Dr. Beck and Mr. Gray as proposed. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Mr. Grantner, to renew the Workers Compensation Insurance with Accident fund and to grant Dr. Beck the authority to accept an alternate contract if another is presented timely that provides a better or equal product at a significantly lower cost. After some discussion on the motion; roll call vote taken. All ayes, motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Ms. Walsh, to amend the Board Policy Manual as it relates to roll call votes when a member is present through electronic means. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed. Section 4.11, paragraph 3 will now read: "Members attending a meeting of the Board telephonically or by other electronic means may make motions and vote on the question."

It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Mr. O'Farrell, to carry forward the FY2015 Healthy Michigan money to be spent on consumer services consistent with the FY2016 spending plan. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

(5) Recipient Rights Advisory – December 1, 2015

Committee Chair Rose Walsh read the Committee meeting minutes.

It was moved by Ms. Walsh, second by Ms. Roulo, to accept and approve the Recipient Rights Annual Report as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Ms. Walsh, second by Ms. Lixey, to accept and approve the Recipient Rights Annual Budget as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

4. OLD BUSINESS – None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Beck notified the Board that there are Amendments to the MDHHS contract. We are required to sign the contract to retain funding. There is nothing too onerous expected. In the absence of Chairperson Stone, Dr. Beck requested authority to sign the amendments on behalf of the Board. It was moved by Mr. Klacking, second by Mr. Evans, to grant Dr. Beck the authority to sign the State contract amendments in Mr. Stone's absence. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion passed.

6. COMMENTS

a. Board

Mr. Colclasure offered his compliments to the Staff of AuSable Valley for all of their hard work.

b. Public – None.

7. MEETING DATES

a. Board

Monday, January 25, 2016, 5:00 p.m., West Branch Office

b. Committees

(1) Personnel – Monday, January 4, 2016, 4:00 p.m., West Branch

- (2) Building – Thursday, January 14, 2016, 2:30 p.m., Tawas City
- (3) Program – Thursday, January 14, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Tawas City
- (4) Executive & Finance – Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 5:00 p.m., West Branch
- (5) Recipient Rights – Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Tawas City

8. ADJOURN

Mr. Welsch made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Evans, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



JOSEPH L. CHRIVIA
Board Secretary