

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

September 14, 2010

Approved

Committee Members Present: Cynthia Luxton, John Rogalin, Ken Ritchie

Staff Present: Mark Parrish, Kathy Ostlick

Other Persons Present: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Luxton called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

2. AGENDA

Mr. Rogalin moved to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Rev. Ritchie. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. MINUTES

Mr. Rogalin moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting; seconded by Rev. Ritchie. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Parrish reported that he had attended a Latino community meeting and was very hopeful for a good relationship with them. He started attending the Leadership Academy. Mr. Parrish also presented the guidelines for agency presentations. Epilepsy Foundation will be presenting at the board meeting using these guidelines. Mr. Rogalin suggested several changes to the guidelines. The board can then make changes to the process at a later date if needed.

Mr. Parrish reported that Hope Haven had emailed a request for a letter of support from our board for a building expansion project. The city of DeKalb has denied them a permit and Hope Haven is requesting another meeting with the city to discuss the issue. The committee agreed to support the expansion, but Mr. Rogalin pointed out that we are not qualified to speak on the building permit issues just on the need for expansion.

5. TRAININGS

A. Board responsibility training - Mike Mastroianni

The October board meeting will be 10/12/10 and Mike Mastroianni has agreed to lead a workshop for board members on board responsibility. The workshop will be 5:00-6:30 pm and then the board meeting at 7:00 pm.

B. Outcomes training - Sharon Mills

Sharon Mills had done an outcomes training for the agencies that we fund in June 2008. She has agreed to do another training. The date for that training will probably be November 18th, but that is not confirmed as of this time. The committee reviewed the materials that were presented at that first training. Sharon Mills has agreed also to attend, either in person or by phone, an Outcomes Committee meeting to coordinate the needs and issues of the board.

6. BGC WALK-THROUGH UP-DATE

The County Facilities Manger, Jim Scheffers, had agreed to do a walk-through of the Gordon Center to get an idea of the condition of the building. Mr. Scheffers and Mr. Parrish did a very thorough inspection of the building and Mr. Scheffers will write a report. Mr. Scheffers had called Ms. Ostdick to ask if he and an electrician could go back to the Gordon Center to inspect the lighting one more time. The Gordon Center agreed to do that and Mr. Scheffers will set that up. A report will follow shortly.

7. STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS

Mr. Parrish is combining the strategic plan goals and the community survey outcomes and will report to the committee in the future.

Mr. Rogalin brought up the topic of stigma relating to the recent Opportunity House client Daily Chronicle article. Mr. Rogalin is wondering if the board can do something about the Chronicle making such a large issue of the fact that the gentleman in question had a mental health issue. Ms. Luxton pointed out that this issue has been going on for a long time. Mr. Rogalin said that in our community survey, people had an issue with the fact that they were not always going to get service because of the stigma attached to it. This article is an opportunity to educate the Chronicle on how this relates to our community survey. Ms. Luxton said that this topic has been addressed before without success. Ms. Luxton wondered what Opportunity House thought of this. Ms. Luxton suggested that Mr. Parrish ask the Opportunity House director at his upcoming meeting about this. Mr. Rogalin shared with the board that he had been reading some studies that show how you present something to somebody matters to the outcome. Mr. Rogalin asked if the Chronicle could be asked to come to the next Executive Committee to discuss this topic. Ms. Ostdick suggested that the committee meet with the newspaper at a meeting other than a committee meeting. Ms. Luxton suggested that Mr. Parrish set up the meeting.

8. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Board Meeting Agenda was discussed, revised, and approved.

9. CLOSED SESSION - DIRECTOR'S GOALS

Mr. Rogalin moved to go into closed session at 10:02 a.m.; seconded by Rev. Ritchie. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Rogalin moved to go back into open session at 10:45 a.m.; seconded by Rev. Ritchie. The motion passes unanimously on a voice vote.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10/5/10 at 8:30 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Luxton, President

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary