

**DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 6, 2010**

Approved

Committee Members Present: Cynthia Luxton, John Rogalin, Thomas Kirts (by phone)

Other Persons Present: None

Office staff: Kathy Ostdick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rogalin called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

2. AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. MINUTES

The minutes were approved by consensus.

4. OFFICE REPORT

Nothing to report at this time.

5. BEN GORDON CENTER REQUEST

Mr. Rogalin stated that he is currently working on assembling a list of questions for the Gordon Center. Dr. Kirts said that he thought Dr. Hadi had reduced her hours and wondered where her salary support was coming from. He recommended not to grant additional dollars to the Gordon Center for GY10.

6. GY11 APPLICATIONS

There was a lengthy discussion of the GY11 applications submitted. The committee first reviewed the spread sheet containing program titles and dollars requested. They then reviewed each full application for missing components. After those two processes, the committee determined which agencies would need further information submitted or would need to come to a hearing for further review. Some of the questions discussed are as follows:

Currently funded agencies:

BGC: Members have questions on psychiatry support, APN support, 3-pos support, Spanish speaking clinician support. Would like to have a better understanding of the response line. How many admissions to Singer.

CACDC: Cindy and Kathy will expand the APR form

Drug Ct: On their county budget, what does “contribution to agencies” include? Also, maybe let them know they are on borrowed time.

Sheriff's Dept: Recommend to keep but in their allocation letter, state that their grant be decreased and they will have to look for other funding. Also, how many clients were already patients of BGC or others.

Youth Service Bureau: How much does YSB do that others overlap?

Epilepsy Foundation: Epilepsy is part of DD

Family Service Agency: Need breakdown of other funding. They did not submit program budget info.

Open Door: Send letter to fix APR form

Opportunity House: Need program budget info

Safe Passage: NEED HEARING...minimum attending at least board president, but more board members would be better. Need program budgets.

Voluntary Action Center: Cindy not sure funding should be going for this. John thinks keep the same and maybe fee-for-service instead. Cindy questioned whether any other groups (such as seniors, moms, etc.) get special funding. Suggestion to drop nutrition but keep transportation and maybe increase it.

New agencies applying:

Adventure Works: Cindy suggested maybe work with YSB, or maybe come back to this later. Dr. Kirts said maybe not to fund this.

Braden Counseling: Are these programs duplication of services? Should we be opening counseling up to for-profits?

Children's Home + Aid: Need hearing. A short presentation. Do they have letters of support from agencies they already use? They are not asking for very much money however.

Hope Haven: They do provide an important service. The total they are asking for is less than the Safe Passage increase. How many clients are actually diagnosed with an MI? How many have left to go to or have come back from a mental health facility like Singer? How much do they get from other funding sources? Are they security or residential advisors? What are the case managers doing? If they refer, to who and are they advising?

After the discussion of each agency and their applications, it was determined that any agency with a new program request, increase in request, a new agency applying for funding will need to attend a hearing.

Hearings will be held on Monday, April 26th with Voluntary Action Center, Hope Haven, Adventure Works, Children's Home and Aid, and Braden Counseling. Hearings held on Tuesday, April 27th will include DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau, Elder Care Services, Family Service Agency, Safe Passage, and the Ben Gordon Center. All other requests for funding that do not include a new program or an increase will be considered but will not need a hearing.

7. STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5/4/10 at 8:00 a.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rogalin, Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary