

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
OUTCOMES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 15, 2010

Approved

Committee Members Present: Thomas Kirts, Donna Schoenfeld, Jane Dargatz, Cindy Luxton

Other Persons Present: None

Office staff: Mark Parrish, Kathy Osttick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kirts called the meeting to order at 7:02 a.m.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Ms. Schoenfeld moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Dargatz. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. MINUTES

There were no minutes.

4. BINDER

Mr. Parrish suggested that the committee each have a binder with a copy of the APR form from the grant applications. This form includes an outcome and a measure of that outcome for each program that an agency was asking to be funded. After each subsequent grant application is received, a copy of that form can be put in the binder to track outcomes.

5. GOALS

Ms. Dargatz asked how the committee would know if the agencies were successful in their outcomes measure. Mr. Parrish said that quarterly the agencies now have to give a written report stating their outcomes measure, etc., and that can be put in the binder. Ms. Luxton pointed out that Mr. Parrish could convey to the agencies that they need to start somewhere with outcomes reporting for our board. Ms. Dargatz said that the outcomes need to be specific in what the agencies are shooting for. Dr. Kirts said the outcomes need to be relevant. Dr. Kirts was concerned that the agencies would only report outcomes that were positive. Identifying relevant outcomes is important. Ms. Dargatz said that the committee should be hoping that the agencies would be reporting what was going well and not going well.

Ms. Luxton pointed out that in reviewing the outcomes in the binder, the committee needs to make sure the outcomes are not just cut and pasted from one to the other and that they are individual to each program.

Ms. Dargatz suggested that maybe there should be an outcomes training for the grant writers of the agencies.

Ms. Schoenfeld said that agencies need to think outside of the box, that client satisfaction surveys are not reliable anymore. Dr. Kirts asked how we get across to the agencies what we want the outcomes to be.

6. NEXT STEP

November 18th is the outcomes training date. Sharon Mills has agreed to meet with this committee in a consultation capacity, probably by phone at the next meeting.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 10/6/10 at 7:00 a.m. (with Sharon Mills by phone)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kirts, Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary