

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING

July 25, 2011

Approved

Committee Members Present: Cynthia Luxton, Ken Ritchie, Eileen Dubin

Staff Present: Kathy Ostdick

Other Persons Present: David Castle, John Lewis, William Davey

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Luxton called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. AGENDA

Rev. Ritchie moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Dubin. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

3. MINUTES

Minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

4. BEN GORDON CENTER DISCUSSION

David Castle, John Lewis, and William Davey, Ben Gordon Center board members, requested to speak to the CMHB Executive Committee. The Ben Gordon Center board members asked Ms. Luxton to explain the decision process for the GY12 allocations. Ms. Luxton described the process stating that the County Board decides the dollar amount of the CMHB tax levy, the CMHB then has authority over the county line item budget breakdown and the grant allocation decision. Ms. Luxton said that last year was a difficult year and that our office has not had an increase in the levy amount for the last 3 years.

Ms. Luxton said that for GY11, almost all agencies were cut. For GY12, most agencies were cut 10%. She also added that a couple of years ago when BGC requested funding for an APN, Psychiatrist, and 3 therapist-type positions, it was presented and understood that these positions would be funded on a short term basis until other reimbursement could be found by BGC. The CMHB reviews these programs closely during the grant application process to decide if they can be funded for one more year.

Ms Luxton shared that the CMHB has been working with a financial consultant and is continuing to look at our policies and procedures to see where improvements can be made.

Ms. Luxton asked the BGC board members about the client mixture, private pay, insurance, etc., and how BGC structures this issue. BGC board members stated that they need to have insurance and private pay to be able to sustain the underinsured and indigent.

Rev. Ritchie added that the board understands that BGC is between a rock and a hard place in regards to the challenges of continuing to provide services to the uninsured population while outside funding sources are shrinking. However the CMHB has to be guided by our reason for existence and our focus. The CMHB has had a lot of discussion regarding this subject. Ms. Luxton added that the CMHB is trying to accomplish this through our strategic plan.

Ms. Luxton stated that numerous times the salaries of BGC administrators have been brought up regarding how tax dollars are spent. The BGC board members discussed their process for compensating top executives at BGC.

The BGC board members thanked the Executive committee for the time to discuss allocation decisions.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Luxton, President

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary