

DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
OUTCOMES COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 15, 2012

Approved

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

Other Persons Present:

Office staff: Donna Moulton, Kathy Ostdick

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kirts called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.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

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

4. DISCUSS GY12 2nd QUARTER OUTCOMES

Ms. Moulton said that she had sent an email to agency directors, discussing outcomes, and was pleased that some of the agencies had changed their 2nd quarter outcomes to reflect the email suggestions. She also said that having the raw data numbers in the binder is helpful for comparison with the outcomes report sheets. One practice that several agencies have used is to only conduct a survey at the end of the year. That will no longer be acceptable as an outcome practice.

The committee went through each agency section of the binder and discussed the outcomes.

Ms. Moulton said that reviewing the GY12 outcomes shows the committee what is not wanted in the way of outcomes for GY13 and this gives Ms. Moulton focus to move the agencies forward with their reporting. Ms. Moulton went on to say that there is value in looking at what each of the agencies has used for GY12 outcomes and how they have responded to any requests from the CMHB office.

Dr. Kirts said that some of the outcomes may only need the language revised. Ms. Dargatz said that some also need to be expanded upon.

Ms. Dargatz asked if the agencies were open to suggestions. Ms. Moulton replied that the ones she worked with seem to be open and on board for changes.

Ms. Schoenfeld said that process outcomes are acceptable but a little more tangible information would make the outcomes better.

Ms Moulton discussed several agencies that have trouble with outcomes due to the fact that their main goal is to have clients maintain and this can be a difficult outcome to measure. Ms. Schoenfeld stated that the CMHB needs outcomes that give us good information

5. DISCUSS PROPOSED GY13 OUTCOMES FROM GRANT APPLICATIONS

Ms. Moulton will work with the agency directors to refine the submitted GY13 outcomes.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5/10/12 or 5/24/12

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Kirts, Chair

Kathy Ostdick, Recording Secretary