

Minutes
Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation
June 4 – 5, 2008
Government House
48 King St.
St. Augustine, Florida

Board Members: David Miller (Chair), Rocky Rodriguez (Vice-Chair) Ted Serbousek (Secretary/Treasurer), Patricia Barton, Christine Cauffield, Larry Hart, Alex Rodriguez, Mark Speiser, Marcia Mathes, Melanie May, Lisa DeVitto, William Mellan, Kate Lyon (for Bill Janes), Stephenie Closton (for Bill Janes), Patricia Robinson, (for Junius Gonzales), Darcy Abbott (for Holly Benson), Clint Rayner, Bob Janes, Douglas Beach,

Staff: Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Executive Director, Linda Rayner, Policy Assistant

Participants: Natalie Mullett (Fl. Council on Compulsive Gambling), Margaret Dorceus (AHCA), Juan Pagan (Eli Lilly), Mark Fontaine (FADAA), Senta Goudy (DCF), Susan Woodford, Dee Krough (Flagler Human Services), Lynda Linke (Flagler City Community Services), Veronica Valentine (Child Guidance Center FCCMH), Scott Barnett (Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay)

1. *David Miller Chairman*, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Announced upcoming meetings:
July 24 & 25 Tampa CJMHSA Policy Council
September 17-18, Tampa, Corporation Board
December 11-12, Orlando, Corporation Board
2. Executive Committee Report
Executive committee determined that it will cost \$25,000 to relocate the corporation to another location. The executive committee stated that the Corporation does not feel constrained by residing at the Department of Children and Families.
Rocky Rodriguez made a motion to stay at DCF location. Motion seconded by Ted Serbousek. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Approval of minutes from February 4 & 5 meeting
Ted Serbousek made a motion to approve the minutes and Rocky Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
Ted Serbousek, Treasurer, 08-09 Budget discussed.
Judge May asked if there will be more budget cuts this year, the response was we don't know at this time.
Rocky Rodriguez made a motion to approve the budget, Alex Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously
4. Legislative Update, Executive Director's Report
 - Ellen reported on the status of Board appointments. She spoke to the Pablo Diaz in the Governors office. Everyone has their paperwork in.
 - Some CJMHSA Grant money that was left over was awarded to Pinellas County. Some of the Grant money was late getting to the counties. We will continue to advocate for more Grant money next year. At this point after three (3) years there will be no more grant money.

- The Parity bill was not passed.
 - Supreme Court initiative did not pass. The Corporation needs to stay in touch with the media, promote message of diversion.
 - Medicaid reform has been delayed since there was a split in the Miami delegation.
 - A pilot for Managing Entities will be implemented in Central Florida. The Florida Council is working with FADAA on this. It is a new way of doing business. It will proceed on a region by region basis.
 - We have been working with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities on the Medicaid Buy In.
 - Drug Court funding legislation did not pass.
 - Funds for special projects were moved to non-recurring funds.
 - Prepaid Mental Health plans, nursing homes and Medicaid HMOs budgets were reduced. Next year Hospitals and Nursing Homes will be the priority because they took the biggest cuts this year.
 - House Bill 5085 changes the way Medicaid and Medipass are assigned to HMOs. This makes it easier to move people into HMOs.
 - Senate Bill 2000 created the Correctional Policy Council
5. Children and Family Committee Report, *Marcia Mathes, Chair*
 Early prevention is the key we need to get pediatricians educated about mental health and substance abuse. If we wait until there is a substance abuse problem we've waited too long. There is no a lot of activity in Florida by The Academy for Adolescent and Child Psychiatry and the American Academy of Pediatricians. I got in touch with NAMI's Child & Adolescent Action Center's Director who sits in on these meetings and did brainstorming about how we can start some kind of dialogue within the state of Florida. We've made some overtures and have not been well received or responded to at all. I feel there is no political commitment within the state to children that is why the cabinet for Children is such a significant thing. I hope we can make that shift towards our children.
6. Elders and Adult Committee Report, *Rocky Rodriguez, Chair*
 Early prevention and detection of mental health and substance abuse in the elderly was one of the top subjects of discussion during our conference call. We are working with the Veterans Administration on substance abuse & mental health effects on that population. We discussed bringing in the good work which has already been done instead of reinventing the wheel.
7. **DRAFT** *Corporation Work Plan for 2008 Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Executive Director*
 The work plan was developed based upon Legislative initiatives that didn't get passed or we want to follow up on, the conference calls of the Adults and Children's committees and things that were on our work plan that we need to continue.
Rocky Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Work Plan for 2008-2009. Motion seconded by Ted Serbousek. Motion approved unanimously.
 LUNCH

Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

8. DCF Budget 2008-2009, *Stephenie Colston, Director, Substance Abuse Program Office Department of Children and Families, Kate Lyon, Director, Mental Health Program Office, Department of Children and Families*

Twenty three percent budget cut in mental health & substance abuse programs. Special projects in 07-08 were cut by one million dollars and one hundred special projects that were in general revenue are now non-recurring, almost five million dollars. The regions are being cut 2.9 million but this will not affect the FACT Teams, services will be cut. Children's programs were cut \$500,000. Program management and compliance lost OPS staff and 17 full time employees. Facilities were cut \$13,563,000. The Department will look at requests from last year and continue to support the Supreme Court Initiative.

The state has a contract with Minkoff & Cline to begin to integrate co-occurring disorders (mental health & substance abuse). Regional meetings will begin in July in the Southeast and Central Regions. We have to change that way we do business.

STAR grant: Office of Drug Control/DCF moving through grants. Outcome based program through the lifespan. This allows communities to tell us their needs. There are 53 anti drug coalitions in the state. 98 % of substance abuse funds are from federal funds. We will lose 5% of the funds if we don't meet national outcome measures. We report 7 out of 10 on prevention, we are meeting it on treatment.

9. Senta Goudy, Substance Abuse Program office

We have begun to identify a toxic environment in Florida. Underage drinking is a priority. Local coalitions are creating needs assessments based on lack of success in school, car wrecks and violence. We are seeing patterns across the state of underage alcohol abuse. Florida has the least restrictive laws against underage drinking. Adults are pushing underage drinking and there is very low enforcement of underage drinking laws. There was a recent article in the Tallahassee Democrat about drinking entitled "Freshmen Shouldn't Drink Too Much". Tax on alcohol is not being used for prevention and treatment. The alcohol industry is focusing on women. National statistics show an increased risk of assault due to promotions of alcoholic beverages. Alcohol industry is focusing on young women. We have been working for a year on trends relating to violence and alcohol. Average age that kids start drinking in Florida is 13.

Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Executive Director

Please look at tab 6. We did an overview of prevention resources and infrastructure. I thought that we had the potential in Florida of looking at dedicated funding sources in Florida for alcohol tax increases and have that as a source for prevention and treatment. I was wrong about us having a low tax in actuality we have the second highest excise tax for liquor, wine and the sixth highest for beer. Not a dollar of the tax is used for prevention and treatment.

10. Secretary Douglas Beach, *Department of Elder Affairs*

Elder Affairs budget did better than most but there has been no increase in funding since 2004. Ninety four percent of funding for elders comes from the local communities. We are in the process of putting together a grassroots campaign in the Communities to

contact their legislators. Substance abuse and mental health problems among the elderly are increasing as is the suicide rate.

11. Board Discussion and Approval of Work Plan

Have fewer items in work plan combine like topics. Under number 1 third bullet add mental health and substance abuse. Under item 1 fifth bullet emphasize the *Corporation will investigate positive systemic change in other states*. Under item 4 add *monthly updates and policy reports*. On number 6 be more specific. Item 11 focus on solutions. Move item 12. DCF is trying to change the system of care.

Discussion

We need to focus on the big picture. The Corporation Board of Directors should be visiting their legislators during the summer to get the message across before the session. Send out monthly policy papers to Legislators only one page long. We have been focused on criminal justice and the legislature did not seem interested in that.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

Thursday June 5, 2008

Joint meeting with FADAA Board 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

Public hearing at Government House

David Miller opened the meeting at 11:15 AM

Natalie Mullett, Executive Director of the Florida Council on compulsive Gambling.

There is no money designated for the treatment of compulsive gambling. The council can only pay for one counseling session. There were 11 bills in front of the legislature but none passed. Compulsive gambling is an impulse control disorder and 20% of people report a substance abuse problem which is 3x that of the general population. Casinos work with us we do training of casino employees.

Veronica Valentine, Child Guidance Center of Jacksonville

The prevention program is gone due to lack of funding. We can only treat kids for a short time. AHCA no longer requires HMO's to spend 80% on treatment. We will run out of DCF funds in February. We just got a grant for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Substance abuse & mental health need to ramp up on children's issues

Dee Krough, Project Coordinator for Flagler County

Flagler county was a recipient of a CJMHSA planning grant. Because of the grant services will be available in Flagler County instead of people driving to Volusia County. We are bringing CIT

to Flagler to train our police officers and Corrections officers. At this time kids go to Volusia County for their first hearing and are summarily held for 21 days

Scott Barnett, Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay

We held a brainstorming council set up priorities for this year. Big voter drive this year all seats in the house are up for election and half the seats in the senate. We will be presenting a contract for Florida's Mental Health Vision. Plans are to present the contract to legislators and ask what their stand is on mental health parity and other concerns. We need help getting the contract to the legislators. If people want to be involved go to our website

www.mhagreatertampabay.org.

Meeting adjourned 12:30PM