

GOOCHLAND-POWHATAN COMMUNITY SERVICES
MINUTES
April 12, 2010

Goochland-Powhatan Community Services Board of Directors held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010 in Goochland.

Present

Bea Anderson
Kim Sprouse
Charles Bruce
June Jeter
Jane Bowles
Runda Harris
Ellen Cooper

Absent

Susie Hackenberg
Paula Price

Staff Attending
Susan Bergquist
Allison Hunter
Bill Desmond
Bob Villa
Randy Camden

Minutes

C. Bruce brought the meeting to order and first asked if there were any additions to the agenda and there were none. C. Bruce next asked if there were any additions or changes to the March minutes and there were none.

ACTION: Motion to approve the March minutes was made by B. Anderson and seconded by J. Bowles. Motion carried by all and March minutes were approved.

Legislative outcomes

S. Bergquist stated that generally speaking, we came out ok in the conference budget set forth by the Virginia General Assembly. She did say that many of the budget items are dependent on the federal extension of the increased match for Medicaid funded services, or FMAP, which is due to expire December 31; if extended then many reductions intended for our system (5% Waiver rate reduction, Waiver slot freeze, etc.) will not occur. Currently, the likelihood that an extension will be granted is high but we cannot say it is 100% until both the House of Delegate and the Senate agree on the vehicle to do so.

S. Bergquist then directed the group to page 9 of Mary Ann Bergeron's report that states IF FMAP increase is continued, the budget will include such items as funding for 250 ID waiver slots beginning July 1, 2010 and will eliminate the waiver freeze as well. In addition, it will eliminate the 5% rate reduction for Waiver services. She said that there is also a list of "non-dependent upon FMAP continuation" items that includes such items as support for drug courts, restored jail diversion and streamlining of reporting requirements, as well as language (acting commissioner suggested the language for this) for a planning process for child and outpatient services to enhance this capacity in the community. It also restored money for free clinics, community health centers and Virginia Health Care Foundation. She directed everyone then to Page 11 where there is a table form of all the results (with and without FMAP) and not just the ones she has highlighted for the group.

S. Bergquist also stated that Virginia has deferred their 4th quarter payment into the Virginia Retirement System, intending to repay it in 10 years with interest. This does not affect our agency. Our employer and employee contributions remain the same for the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. Our life insurance contribution went to 0% for us which saves us about \$4K in the fourth quarter.

S. Bergquist said there is one more point of interest surrounding our DAP dollars; we do not have to report separately on these figures, which is a savings on our time/effort to do this. She ended by saying "our fate now in the hands of the federal government" so stay tuned!

Nomination Committee and Evaluation Committee nominations

After discussions among the group, the following committees were selected:

Evaluation Committee: Ellen Cooper (Chair), Charles Bruce, Paula Price and Runda Harris

Nominating Committee: Bea Anderson (Chair), Jane Bowles (Vice-Chair), June Jeter, Susie Hackenberg, Kim Sprouse

These committees will complete their work and report back to the Board at its June meeting for action.

ACTION: Motion to approve the two committees was made by E. Cooper and seconded by K. Sprouse. Motion carried by all and the two committees were approved.

Fundraising/Public Awareness Event

Bob Villa presented on the upcoming proposed fundraising event, possibly to be held in the October timeframe since this is both Mental Health Awareness Week and Down's Syndrome Awareness month. Both he and Allison Hunter thought that it would be a good idea to "kick-off" the month of October with an event here in Goochland (since we own the property here) to highlight our agency and bring awareness around Mental Health. Proposal is for the first weekend in October (Saturday, October 2nd) and possible partners for this event would be NAMI, ARC and others associated with this awareness month; monies raised would go to support people in crisis since those dollars have gone away. From here, the goal would be to continue to establish this October timeframe with an addition of a walk/run event since there is not enough time to plan this for current year.

There was much discussion from the Board at this point and a lot of ideas were tossed out to the group. Many felt that a mental health event would not be enough of a draw for folks to come out and support it without a bigger theme in mind; it was suggested by some that we try some sort of "food event/service" that would draw the community in for the day. Suggestions were then narrowed down to perhaps a chili-cook-off, Brunswick stew, etc., to highlight the event. Several members also voiced that it was something big to undertake and would take a lot of work to make it happen, given the recent "Chow Down Powhatan" that just took place last week.

It was decided due to time, that the group table this again until next month and S. Bergquist will decide on a May meeting time for further discussion and forming of a committee to head this event up.

Regional, State, Federal Updates

S. Bergquist stated that she didn't have much more to add to what she had already told the group earlier. She said that it is worth noting that the General Assembly created some language around Board of Pharmacy regulations that codifies what Boards are currently doing. These were emergency regulations that have now been signed by Governor and were effective upon that signature. Required training will be developed on this topic.

Reports

S. Bergquist reported the following:

- Powhatan Leadership Institute – Susan was a presenter in both counties for this class
- Goochland BOS – each department presented their budget requests this year; this was the first time we have done this in Goochland as Powhatan BOS has done this every year

- VACSB meeting May 5 and 6th in Richmond; Theme is “Making Stone Soup – Hearty Partnerships are Essential”
- Regional planning day on April 20th – hoping to evaluate all regional services; what’s working and what is not. We have 5 people going from our agency
- Vehicle fleet – update: one of our min-vans is being retired (died) and Sheehy Ford offered a look at a Ford “Flex” which has room for seven. Also, one of our wheelchair lift raised roof vans has over 250,000 miles and we will be replacing it as well. These will be ordered shortly, and the money will come from the Transportation account
- We have passed first inspection on the space next to Virginia House (framing and electrical)...one more inspection and then a final!!
- Billing for crisis finally came through (ability to do this now through our license)
- Primary nurse practitioner started last week with us; her name is Lisa Lee. She will be working in our agency four hours/week.

C. Bruce asked if there was any other business to discuss.

ACTION: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Ellen Cooper, Secretary

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