



**The Guilford Center
Board Meeting Minutes
232 N. Edgeworth Street
Greensboro, NC
February 9, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Arbuckle, Megan Christenbury, Gart Evans, Lisa Gunther-LaVergne, Millie Hoffler-Foushee, Lura McLendon and Alex Tabori

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Frank Cleary, Bert Davis, Jr., Paul Gibson, Vic Nussbaum, David Talbot and Dianne Walton-Munden

STAFF PRESENT: Dena Bailey, Glenna Harford, Joel Leonard, Sabrina Russell, Lisa Salo and Anthony Ward

I. CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE **Millie Hoffler-Foushee**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS **Millie Hoffler-Foushee**
Billie Pierce has begun out-patient physical therapy and continues to meet her rehabilitative benchmarks. She hopes to begin a limited work schedule in March.

III. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR
There were no speakers from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 12, 2010 **Millie Hoffler-Foushee**
Upon a motion by Megan Christenbury and a second by Gart Evans, the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2010 Board meeting.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. SYSTEM OF CARE PRESENTATION **Lisa Salo**
System of Care is a comprehensive spectrum of mental health and other necessary services which are organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple and changing needs of children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbances. Lisa Salo, System of Care Coordinator for the Guilford Center, explained system of care including its core values and guiding principles. She discussed some of the specific practice points and what we are doing locally as well as how the State is supporting system of care. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

B. UPDATE ON RESIDENTIAL LEVEL III AND IV CARE **Sabrina Russell**
Sabrina Russell, Utilization Management Coordinator, updated the Board on the Division's plan to transition children out of Level III and Level IV group homes. The plan is intended not only to reduce expenditures, but also to move the system towards best practices in the treatment of children and adolescents which support

treatment in the child's own home and community or in other family-type settings. While the plan was developed at the state level, the implementation is occurring at the local level. Significant progress has already been made in reducing the number of children in these levels of care and providing appropriate community based services. The plan includes careful clinical assessment, Child and Family Team planning, use of community based resources, and close monitoring of children in care. In addition more stringent new admission and continued stay criteria must be met for children and adolescents to be admitted and to remain in residential treatment. Since August, the Guilford Center LME has transitioned 68 children out of Level III and 1 child out of Level IV. Currently in Guilford County there are approximately 101 children in Level III and one child in Level IV care.

C. COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY RESULTS **Anthony Ward**

Anthony Ward reported on the results of our Community Needs Assessment Survey which was completed last month. This survey is completed annually and is one of the factors in our planning for the upcoming fiscal year for budgeting and allocating resources. This year we received 380 completed surveys which is up significantly from last year's total of 316. There was also a remarkable increase in the number of consumers and family members who participated – 144 this year as opposed to only 36 last year. The top five service gaps/capacity needs selected by all respondents are as follows:

1. Independent living with support services for consumers
2. Services for homeless individuals with disabilities
3. Day programming for consumers (tie)
Mental Health wellness education services (tie)
Short term crisis beds (tie)
4. Drop-in center for mental health consumers
5. Residential treatment for adult substance abuse consumers

D. CRITICAL ACCESS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES **Anthony Ward**

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and system stakeholders have been discussing for some time the concept of identifying and recognizing provider agencies who deliver a comprehensive array of services. DHHS has approved a definition and description of a new category of provider agency, a Critical Access Behavioral Health Agency (CABHA) for mental health and substance abuse services. Anthony Ward provided the Board with details including CABHA goals, staffing and service requirements, and the process for becoming a CABHA. Out of 300 letters of intent from providers (statewide) interested in becoming a CABHA, so far only 32 have submitted letters of attestation stating that they are able to be a CABHA and an application with proof that they meet the staffing and service requirements.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. CONTRACTS APPROVAL

Glenna Harford

The February lists, (pink sheet in Board packet and handout) were presented for Board approval. Lisa Gunther-LaVergne made a motion to approve the contracts. Alex Tabori seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The contracts were approved.

B. BUDGET UPDATE

Glenna Harford

The County Manager has accelerated the 2010/2011 budget schedule. All Departments have been asked to present a worst case scenario budget. For the Guilford Center that cut would be \$1.2 million. We will present our budget to the County Manager on February 23rd. The County Manager will present her budget request to the County Commissioners on April 15th.

VII. BOARD COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Millie Hoffler-Foushee

Vice Chair Hoffler-Foushee reviewed the Board Committee schedule that was included on the February 9, 2010 agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT -- 7:45 p.m.

Millie Hoffler-Foushee

There being no further business, Vice Chair Hoffler-Foushee adjourned the Board meeting.

Approved by:

Bert Davis, Jr.

Date

On-Site Notes by: Dena Bailey

Date: February 9, 2010