



**The Guilford Center
Board Meeting Minutes
Emergency Services Training Room
1002 Meadowood Street
Greensboro, NC
January 10, 2006
6:30 PM – 7:54 PM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marshall Abee, Margaret Arbuckle, George Coates, Ann Gibbs, Paul Gibson, Mildred Hoffer-Foushee, Kathryn Lindley, Linda Myers, Jane Perrin, Ray Pysher, Martha Stewart, Sheron Sumner, David Talbot, Bill Tankersley and Dianne Walton-Munden

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Paula Cox-Fishman, W. A. Goodson, and Pamela Palmer

BOARD MEMBERS UNEXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dena Bailey, Susan Campbell, Valerie Cromartie, Glenna Harford, and Billie Pierce

I. CALL TO ORDER AND MOMENT OF SILENCE **Sheron Sumner**
The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and a moment of silence was observed.

Ms. Sumner commended Billie Pierce and the Guilford Center staff for all of their efforts and recognized the hard work that they did in 2005 and will continue to do in 2006. She also commended the Board for their support and encouraged continued support individually and collectively.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS **Sheron Sumner**
Dianne Walton-Munden was welcomed back after her hip surgery.

Ben Atkinson has resigned from the Board effective January 2, 2006. He leaves the DD family member or organization seat. We will look to fill that seat in the near future.

Board members were reminded to check the "In the News" section of the sign-in table where there was information on NAMI's Family to Family Education Program and a Viewpoint article written by Margaret Arbuckle on the future of public education.

Ms. Sumner passed out a flier on the 2006 Housing Summit and invited Board members to attend the meeting on Tuesday, January 31st.

III. SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no speakers from the floor.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 8, 2005 Meeting **Sheron Sumner**

It was pointed out that the Contracts Approval section (Section VI.A) of the November minutes contained some inaccuracies. Margaret Arbuckle made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Marshall Abee seconded the motion. The minutes were approved pending correction. (Upon further review after the meeting, it was discovered that the Contracts Approval section of the November minutes inadvertently contained the text from the previous month's Board minutes.) The corrected Section VI.A of the November 8, 2005 minutes reads:

Glenna Harford presented the November contracts for approval. (See pink sheet in Board packet.) Board members were reminded to abstain from voting if they had a conflict of interest. There were no abstentions. Upon a motion by Linda Myers and a second by Paul Gibson, the contracts were unanimously approved as distributed in the Board packet.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Oversight Committee **Susan Campbell**

On December 14, 2005 Susan Campbell gave a presentation on Screening, Triage and Referral to the Legislative Oversight Committee – how it works, the benefits of STR, etc. By way of demonstration, a volunteer at the meeting called our Access Unit (1-800 number) posing as a consumer. The call was on speaker phone for the Committee to hear (including Senator Martin Nesbit and members of the Division and NC Council). Guilford Center staff member Valerie Cromartie was the recipient of the call. Valerie's thoroughness, customer skills and management of the call were outstanding. Board member Paula Cox-Fishman was present at the LOC meeting and reported via e-mail that the Legislators "could not have been more impressed with the demonstration." Billie and Susan have also received numerous compliments and positive feedback on the demonstration. Ms. Cromartie was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the Board meeting.

B. Regionalization/CenterPoint Partnership Update **Billie Pierce**

We have received Communication Bulletin #52 from Mike Moseley announcing that the Medicaid State Plan Amendment, which includes the new service definitions, has been approved. The projected start date is March 20, 2006.

Ms. Pierce reviewed the material included in the board packet regarding regionalization. Every LME in the State has submitted their partnership proposals and they have been approved by the Secretary. As was earlier proposed to the Board, the Guilford Center will partner with CenterPoint (Forsythe, Stokes and Davie Counties). We have submitted to the State our proposal to do Utilization Management for Medicaid and 24/7 Screening, Triage and Referral for this

partnership. Although we have not received final approval, applications are being reviewed and we expect approval shortly. This is a huge undertaking for the Guilford Center. We will be providing Utilization Management for Medicaid for approximately 900,000 covered lives. By our model, this partnership should save the State approximately \$1.4 million.

Glenna Harford heads up our workgroup and Dianne Poe at CenterPoint is in charge of their workgroup. The next meeting of these groups will be on January 12th. CenterPoint will be hosting the meeting. Sheron Sumner will speak to members of CenterPoint's Board Executive/Finance Committee, members of their CFAC and their Leadership Team.

Billie Pierce and Glenna Harford will go before the County Commissioners on January 19th to ask for seven new positions. These new positions are necessary (along with five existing positions) in order to handle the UM/STR functions for the new partnership.

VI. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

A. CFAC Appointment

Ray Pysher

Members of the Guilford Center's Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (CFAC) recently approved a new member to join the Committee, pending approval from the Area Board. Queen Vashti is currently an associate of the CFAC and as a member would represent the Mental Health Family Member seat previously held by Ray Pysher. A motion was made to approve Queen Vashti as a CFAC member. As the motion is from a Board subcommittee, no second is needed. The motion carried.

B. Substance Abuse Ad Hoc Committee Update

Sheron Sumner

At the August 2005 Board meeting, a Substance Abuse Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review information and examine some of the issues we have concerns about. It was decided the committee would wait to meet until completion of the County's substance abuse services audit. The audit report came out on December 30, 2005 and the first meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 24, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 402 of the Edgeworth Building. Sheron Sumner, David Talbot, Jane Perrin, George Coates and Bill Tankersley will serve on the Committee. Our responsibility in reform is to provide "choice" for provision of services for consumers, to make sure that we and our providers use Best Practices, and to increase community capacity so that we can aid the greatest number of consumers possible with the resources that we have. The Board's concern about the stability of providers throughout the reform process is one of the primary incentives for forming this Committee.

**Board Meeting adjourned – 7:35 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting Convened**

VII. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (3rd meeting)

Glenna Harford

A. Contracts Approval

Ms. Harford presented the January contracts list for Board approval. (See pink sheet in Board packet.) Board members were reminded to abstain from voting if they had a conflict of interest. There were no abstentions. Linda Myers made a motion to approve the contracts as presented. Paul Gibson seconded the motion. The contracts were approved.

B. Budget Revisions #2 and #3

Board members were asked to disregard the Budget Revision in the Board packets and instead refer to the two Budget Revisions (green sheets) that were at their places. Ms. Harford then gave a summary of the revisions and answered questions from the Board.

Upon a motion from Margaret Arbuckle and a second from Marshall Abee, Budget Revision #2 was approved.

Upon a motion from Marshall Abee and a second from Mildred Hoffer-Foushee, Budget Revision #3 was approved.

**Finance Committee Meeting adjourned – 7:50 p.m.
Board Meeting reconvened**

VIII. BOARD COMMITTEE SCHEDULES AND MINUTES

Sheron Sumner

Quality Council

Next scheduled meeting: February 2, 2006
232 N. Edgeworth St., 5th floor, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Client Rights

Next scheduled meeting: February 14, 2006
232 N. Edgeworth Street, 5th Floor, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
(Last meeting's minutes were included in Board packet)

Consumer and Family Advisory Committee

Next scheduled meeting: January 24, 2006
232 N. Edgeworth St., 5^h floor, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
(Last meeting's minutes were included in Board packet)

Substance Abuse Ad Hoc Committee

Next scheduled meeting: January 24, 2006
232 N. Edgeworth St., 4th floor, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Sumner adjourned the meeting.

**Approved by:
Sheron Sumner**

On-site minutes by: Dena Bailey
Date: January 10, 2006