

Minutes

Committee Name:	Client & Family Advocacy Committee
Date:	March 10, 2009
Time:	6:00-7:00 P.M.
Meeting Place:	Morganton Community House
Members Present:	Chip Jones, Sharon Williamson, Donna Hollar, Dandron Armstrong, Lisa Allison, Maria Benfield, Marjorie Bivens, Laurie Bradshaw, Cynthia Houser, Hazel Peterson, Shirley Stapleton
Members/Others Absent:	
Others in Attendance:	John Hardy, Carolyn Arnett, Heather Bender, Tammy Cody, Judy Dahlstrom, Vanessa Anderson, Sherry Clanton, Cathy Kocian, Josephine Benfield, Janna Branch, Gary Bivens
Note:	<p>As part of the ongoing assessment and planning process for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services, a “Consumer Focus Group” meeting was held from 4:00-5:30 pm prior to the CFAC meeting. Many of the CFAC members attended this meeting also. Any ideas and input are important and can be submitted to Sherry Clanton at sclanton@mentalhealthpartners.org.</p> <p>The subjects of importance and discussion were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greater Public Awareness 2. Crisis Service Array 3. Integrated Service 4. Basic Services, Community Services, Transportation &PSR.
(Agenda Item #1)	Welcome and Introductions
<i>Presenter:</i>	Chip Jones
<i>Action:</i>	Chip Jones called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
(Agenda Item #2)Minutes:	Minutes January 13, 2009
<i>Action:</i>	Minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were presented.
<i>Decision:</i>	The minutes were approved by the committee.
(Agenda Item # 3)	LME Financial Overview
<i>Presenter:</i>	John Hardy
<i>Information Presented:</i>	July 1 begins new fiscal year. Presented a handout on FY 2008/2009 Budget with Revenues and Expenses,
<i>Decision:</i>	
(Agenda Item #4)	LME Budget Status
<i>Presenter:</i>	John Hardy
<i>Information Presented:</i>	John Hardy presented a handout on FY 2009/2010. Projections and budget cuts. In the world of tight dollar’s where do you go to make necessary budget cuts – is health care or education more important – was the question posed. Another item mentioned was whether or not CFAC should change meeting to every other month in light of the budget cut backs. Members were asked to think about it.
(Agenda Item # 5):	Handouts on Community Needs Assessment, Quarterly Complaints Report, and Incident Reports

<i>Presenter:</i>	Vanessa Anderson
<i>Information Presented:</i>	Discussion on the 3 Priority Needs. How have we performed? And how the economy has impacted businesses and families. The community and State needs have been impacted greatly by the budget.
<i>Decision:</i>	The Quarterly reports were presented and discussed by Vanessa Anderson including a brief discussion about medication errors and issues. The issue of new methods of not restraining people was also mentioned.
(Agenda Item # 6):	Events/ Project/ Ideas
<i>Presenter:</i>	Vanessa Anderson
<i>Information Presented:</i>	Vanessa Anderson asked the CFAC group what project we would like to do for the year and any ideas for the event. The group decided to sponsor an event for the Peer Support group, advocate for Peers on Advocacy Training. Also, Mike Weaver was mentioned for the Advocacy Training for the Peer Support.
<i>Decision:</i>	Training was discussed to be set around the end of May or June 2009, in the Hickory area.
(Agenda Item #7)	New Business/ State Update
<i>Presenter:</i>	Cathy Kocian
<i>Information Presented:</i>	Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2008 January 8, 2009
<i>Decision:</i>	Memorandum: Dated February 9, 2009. In reference to County general Funds Report and Budget. Agenda handouts: February 12, 2009 March 12, 2009 Secretary Cansler will attend the April 9, 2009 State CFAC Meeting which will be held at the Clarion Hotel State Capital. The State CFAC sent a pre-survey letter to CFAC chairs and Liaison. Letting CFAC know of the development of LCFAC to SCFAC Survey. Due Date: May 1, 2009 and probably want to schedule time on April CFAC.
Agenda Item #8	Grandfather Home and Community Services for Children Banner Elk, NC
<i>Presenter:</i>	Heather Bender
<i>Information Presented:</i>	A brochure was handed out on the Grandfather Home for Children which began in 1914, as a safe haven for children of the northern NC Mountains.
<i>Decision:</i>	About 500 kids a year need to be served across the state. The home offers a variety of programs that range from residential to adoption. Averages of 216 are being served out of the 500.
Agenda Item #9	Open/Public Comments and Agenda for April 14, 2009 Meeting
<i>Presenter:</i>	Sharon Williamson
Adjournment:	The meeting was adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.
Next Meeting:	April 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted By:	Donna E. Hollar, Secretary