

**Minutes**

<b>Committee Name:</b>	Consumer Family Advocacy Committee Meeting
<b>Date:</b>	November 11, 2008
<b>Time:</b>	6:00-7:05 P. M.
<b>Meeting Place:</b>	Morganton Community House
<b>Members Present:</b>	Chip J., Sharon W., Dandron A., Marjorie B., Maria B., Lisa A., Cynthia H., Laurie B., Hazel P., Shirley S.
<b>Members/Others Absent:</b>	Donna H.
<b>Guest/Speakers/Others Present:</b>	Judy Dahlstrom, Cathy Kocian, Vanessa Anderson, Sherry Clanton, Jana B., Cory F., Lesa Silver, Gary B., Josephine B.
<b>(Agenda Item #1)</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<i>Presenter:</i>	Chip Jones
<i>Action:</i>	Chip Jones called meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He announced that Tony Berry has resigned. Cory F attended and is considering applying for the vacant seat.
<b>(Agenda Item #2 )</b>	October 14, 2008
<b>Minutes:</b>	
<i>Action:</i>	The minutes of the Oct. 14, 2008 meeting were presented for review. One correction was noted under "CAP Waiver Training" on page 3. The fourth item reads as"Coming up in October State CFAC Conference, Western Region at Pinehurst." The fourth item should read: "Coming up in October State CFAC meeting. Distributed brochures on Pinehurst."
<i>Decision:</i>	
<b>(Agenda Item # 3)</b>	LME Updates
<i>Presenter:</i>	Judy Dahlstrom
<i>Information Presented:</i>	<p>A. The LME was notified of budget cuts. A summary of the 3.5% reduction was distributed. Travel has not been limited as of yet but it is being asked to travel together when ever possible. More cuts may occur as a by-product of the economy.</p> <p>In January's meeting we will have the Finance officer come and explain where everything stands as of now.</p> <p>When the LME was with the counties, a fund balance had accrued. At the end of the fiscal year the balance left went back into the general fund with the counties. Since the LME is not with the county now it is being decided how much should come to Mental Health Partners. In an email from John Hardy, that Cynthia Houser presented it stated that an agreement has been basically reached and that the details are still being worked on. Will update as information becomes available.</p> <p>B. Also discussed was the CAP Waiver. A handout was included in the packet. Mo McCarthy wrote the handout to explain what the waiver is. Laurie Bradshaw stated that the waiver is affecting families in a negative way. She stated that her pay had been cut around \$10 a day. She is gathering a data sheet to present to the state showing the negative effects of the CAP Waiver. Judy Dahlstrom asked</p>

	<p>Laurie to keep CFAC informed.</p> <p>C. Vanessa Anderson gave a report on the Quarterly Incident report and the Quarterly Complaint report. As shown in the handouts, in the first quarter, we are at 50% of what we were last year. Part of the reason, is the fact that the LME Customer Service number is widely distributed for the first time. There have been business cards, posters, and a consumer manual that has been handed out with the numbers to call. This has made it more accessible for the consumer to file a report. Most complaints were about access to services.</p> <p>Also Vanessa reported that a Peer Support Person has been added to the staff at Mental Health Partners. She is Barbara Richards and she will be working 5 hours a week and will be handling the Peer Support meetings.</p>
<b>(Agenda Item #4)</b>	<b>Clients Assistance Funds Update</b>
<i>Presenter:</i>	Cynthia Houser
<i>Information Presented:</i>	A letter was sent to the County of Burke County asking that \$30,000 be set aside for Mental Health Partners. The letter was submitted 2 weeks ago and still awaiting an answer. If this is placed on the agenda it was suggested that CFAC should attend.
<b>Agenda #5</b>	<b>Agenda for January Meeting</b>
<i>Presenter:</i>	Sharon Williamson
<i>Information Presented:</i>	<p>Judy Dahlstrom handed out 2 books about healthy living and eating.</p> <p>No one had any suggestions. Everyone was ask to think about it for the January 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.</p>
<b>Adjournment:</b>	<b>The meeting was adjourned @ 7:05 p.m.</b>
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>January 13, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M. Dinner @ 5:30 P.M.</b>
<b>Respectfully Submitted By:</b>	<b>Sherry Clanton</b>