

The Buncombe County Health and Human Services Board met for its meeting on June 27, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. In attendance were Health and Human Services Board Members Bill McElrath, Chairperson, Susanne Swanger, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Richard Oliver, Terry VanDuyn, Winnie Ziegler, Stephanie Kiser, Dr. Rick Weigel, Frank Castelblanco, Candrice Thul, Dr. Paul Endry as well as Mandy Stone, Health and Human Services Director. In attendance were Buncombe County HHSST staff Rich Munger, Rachael Nygaard, Christina McEntee, Rob Morrell, Julie Montanea, Michael Greene, Lee Crayton, Brian Bell, George Anderson, John Hudson and Karan Smith. Health and Human Services staff present were Angie Pittman, Phillip Hardin, Suzanne Avett, Jennifer Chilton, Katie Swanson, Jennifer Johnson, Becky Kessel, Nelle Gregory, Linda Tettambel, Tammy Shook, Patricia Wallin, Ian Allen, Karen Hart, Merry Michaelson, Christy Mueller, Amy Davis, Jennifer Mullendore, and Christa Lance. Michael Frue County Attorney was in attendance. Amy Griffith with RHA, Amy Johnson with RHA, Brian Alexander and Don Collins with Homeward Bound were in attendance. Community advocate Jerry Rice was in attendance.

MEETING TO ORDER

Bill McElrath, Health and Human Services Board Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

- The Board reviewed the June 27, 2014 Board agenda. Board member Stephanie Kiser moved that the Board agenda be approved as presented. Board member Richard Oliver seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval.
- The Chairperson asked if any Board member had any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board and none were stated.
- The Board reviewed the May 30, 2014 Board minutes. Board member Richard Oliver motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Board member Stephanie Kiser seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in approval.
- A copy of the June 27, 2014 board agenda and May 30, 2014 minutes are attached and made a part of these minutes.

BUDGET FY14 FINANCIALS

- Jim Holland presented the financial dashboard overview of the FY14 financials for DSS and Health.
- Jim Holland gave an update on the FY15 budget.
- A copy of the financial dashboard and the PAR are attached and made a part of these minutes.

COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

- Rich Munger introduced the presentation about HHS behavioral initiatives by showing a brief video about how persons with mental illness are defaulting into the criminal justice system and jail because of the lack of psychiatric hospital beds and community services. He then introduced community partners who contract with HHS to fill critical gaps in behavioral health services.

- Amy Griffith of RHA Health Services spoke about jail diversion programs, including Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), reentry services at the jail, and the three problem-solving courts: Drug Court, Family Treatment Court, and the new DWI Court.
- Amy Johnson, a licensed professional counselor at RHA, who talked about the Assessment Center program. Two fulltime evaluators provide comprehensive clinical assessments for HSS Social Work clients, as well as other court-involved clients. RHA has begun to gear up to provide assessments in more complex cases where parenting capacity issues are foremost.
- Brian Alexander, Executive Director of Homeward Bound of WNC, discussed efforts to serve chronically homeless persons in Buncombe County. By providing supportive housing to chronically homeless individuals over the past 8 years, they have reduced chronic homelessness by close to 90%. The Asheville-Buncombe Homeless Initiative Advisory Committee has been working with a local developer to build a 30-unit apartment for this group, modelled after Moore Place in Charlotte. The program, called Oak Hill Commons, would include 24 hour security and services on-site by local providers.
- Don Collins, who is formerly homeless and now working as a peer support specialist with Homeward Bound. He shared his personal experience with homelessness and how supportive housing helped him get on the path to recovery. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached and made a part of these minutes.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Phillip Hardin presented highlights on the Economic Services Committee. Presentation by Board member Rick Elingburg who works with the Employment Security Commission about the transformation of the Employment Security Commission. They have evolved into a job training facility.
- Stephanie Kiser presented highlights on the Public Health Advisory Committee. Buncombe County is one of 6 counties in the nation that has been recognized and received the Culture of Health prize by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Stephanie's presentation highlighted the socio economic functions impacting health and how every organization/individual in our community is a part of our "health culture". September 26th will be a collective community celebration at the Wilma Sherrill Center.
- Angie Pittman presented on the Social Work Advisory Committee. This committee is currently focused on placement stability. One strategy she highlighted was a partnership with Mission to recruit within Mission for foster homes with special medical needs to care for medically fragile children.
- Frank Castelblanco presented on the Community Advisory Committee. Frank asked Senator VanDuyn to speak about her meeting with the Community Advisory. Senator VanDuyn hosted a "Town Hall" forum for consumers. At the last meeting of the Community Advisory (ABCRC) Asheville Buncombe Community Relations Council presented on their anti-discrimination program.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Mandy Stone reported on Health and Human Services space planning.
- The Community Comprehensive Domestic Violence Plan.
- The Poverty Remediation RFI process

CHAIRS REPORT AND ADJOURNMENT

- Chairperson McElrath presented on the Executive Committee meeting which focused on the budget.
- Chairperson McElrath then advised he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Board member Frank Castelblanco moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:38 p.m. Board member Stephanie Kiser seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous approval.

Minutes read and approved this ____ day of _____, 2014.

William E. McElrath
Health and Human Services
Board Chairperson

Amanda L. Stone
Executive Secretary to the Board