

Richland County Youth and Family Council
November 2, 2016
Mental Health and Recovery Board

The following Board members were

Present: Joe Devany, Lisa Hall, Patricia Harrelson, Linda T. Keller, Sharlene Neumann, Dee Pendlebury, Liz Prather, Karrie Starr, Martin Tremmel, Joe Trolian, Dan Varn, and Kim Washington.

Excused: Hannah Crouch, Katherine Gerhart, Susan Sheaffer, and Tim Wert.

Absent: Brian Garverick

Guests: Diane Bemiller, Ashley Brown, Terry Carter, Deborah Dubois, Veronica Groff, Lisa Habermusch, Jared Pollick, and Carmen Torrence.

Teresa Alt, Executive Director and Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant were also in attendance.

1. Call to Order & Introductions:

President Joe Devany called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and observed a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes October 5, 2016:

Joe Trolian moved and Liz Prather seconded a motion to approve the October 5, 2016 minutes. The motion passed by a voice vote.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Carmen Torrence reviewed the September 2016 finance report. Council cash balance on hand is \$922,988.24.

Linda T. Keller moved and Dan Varn seconded a motion to file for audit the September 2016 monthly Treasurer's fiscal report as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote.

4. Finance Committee:

Teresa Alt reviewed the Finance Committee report. Teresa noted that a request for proposal will probably not be released until sometime in the spring after the county needs are reevaluated. Teresa is still in the process of gathering information about early childhood needs. Teresa also reported that the Juvenile Court has increased their commitment. The balance available to commit is \$471,225.22 for the October 2016 report.

5. Council Website Upgrade:

Teresa asked Council for approval to contract with Spire Advertising to upgrade the Council website to make it mobile accessible. The cost of the upgrade will be approximately \$4,500.00. Members noted approval for the upgrade as long as there is an attempt negotiate the cost of the upgrade as many Council agencies are currently using Spire for various projects.

6. Help Me Grow Report:

Teresa Alt presented the October 2016 update to Council regarding Help Me Grow, including the number of children being served which is 114 for Early Intervention and 70 for home visiting. There were 63 referrals for October.

7. Behavioral Health Redesign and Behavioral Health Managed Care:

Joe Trolian provided an overview of the Behavioral Health redesign which will significantly change how mental health and substance abuse treatment providers get reimbursed for Medicaid eligible individuals. These changes go into effect on July 1, 2017. There are currently 17 billable services and there will be 53 billable services beginning July 1, 2017. The fee reimbursement will be based on the rendering provider. For example, a psychiatrist will receive a higher reimbursement than a nurse practitioner. This will cause some providers to lose income depending on who provides the service. By January, 2018, all Medicaid recipients have to select a

managed care plan. All of the managed care providers met with the Board and the Board agencies in September to help assist with the transition.

8. Newhope Transition:

Liz Prather reviewed the transition that the Richland County Developmental Disabilities Board and Richland Newhope Industries are experiencing. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services made a decision regarding the 'conflict free case management' ruling. County Boards cannot provide both case management and waiver services such as adult day programs and adult non-medical transportation. Therefore, services that used to be provided by the Board will be provided by Richland Newhope Industries, which is a non-profit agency which was founded in 1963. As of December 1, 2016, the transition will be completed. About 62 staff will be transitioned from public employment with the Board to employment with RNI. Liz commended her staff, especially those in adult services and transportation for their patience during the transition process.

9. Adjournment:

President Joe Devany adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Debra J. Boyer, Administrative Assistant to the Richland County Youth and Family Council.

Approved by the action of the Council on December 7, 2016 and approval attest by:

Joseph Devany, President

Teresa Alt, Executive Director