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Governance Board
CMMHC, Monticello
Thursday, February 18, 2010 – 4:00pm

STARS Regional System of Care Board Minutes

Members present: Greg Boelter, Brenda Mahoney, David Nusbaum, Gene Garman, Hanna Kaufman, Rosemary Cyr, Joan Collins-Marotte, Mary Jo Verschay, Mary Jo Cobb, Sharon Backstrom, Pearl Lieb, Sandi Shoberg, Julie Carpenter, Walter Bardell (phone)
Members absent: Elisabeth Rogers, Garret McComb, Glenace Edwall, Julie Martindale, Kim Emanuel, Kris Kuper, LaRone Greer, Marcia Schlattman
Non-Voting Members present: Sara Dahlquist, Christine Woessner, Jennifer Swendsen, Mayuli Bales
Non-Voting Members absent: Michelle Ulfers, David Baraga
Visitors: Trisha Graves-Petron, Larry Sundberg, Terry Peterson,

1. Call to order

a.) Mission Statement read by Sharon Backstrom

2. Correspondence-- none

3. Approval of January minutes--

Motion by: Julie Carpenter **Seconded by:** David Nusbaum **Motion: Carried**

4. Approval of Agenda –

Motion by: MaryJo Cobb **Seconded by:** Greg Boelter **Motion: Carried**

5. Committee Reports

a.) **Evaluation – didn't meet**

b.) **Sustainability Committee-** is meeting Feb 23 at the Stearns History museum, got there reports in and they were planning to discuss them, everyone was invited.

c.) **Fiscal – didn't meet, Next meeting in March or April**

d.) **Youth Advisory Board- no report given**

e.) **Family Involvement-** Michelle and the PAC have been working to determine criteria for determining scholarships for MACMH, and Michelle has been meeting with the four counties and the field evaluators and requesting that they share her flyer with all families in an attempt to get the information about opportunities into the hands of the families we serve.

f.) **Membership and By-Laws Sub-Committee – didn't meet**

6. Old Business:

a.) **Evaluation Discussion:** Terry Peterson did a short presentation on what is data driven decision making. The presentation and following questions were used to begin a dialogue on the information the board and other decision making bodies will need.

What would be helpful to the board? What is Data Driven Decision making? Data driven decision making requires the use of data as an extensive component to your decision making. What data should drive STARS? When have we used data driven? What have we used for data to decide our “big ticket” projects, i.e. School Based Therapists, Wraparound implementation, Wraparound facilitation?

What data should guide the spending of 9 million federal dollars we received to achieve our stated goal of “reducing out of home placement” for children with serious emotional disturbances? Lots of questions were asked as thinking points for the board,

i.e. What decisions still need to be made? Are the things we have funded or started working? Are the sustainable? Should the counties or a group continue to work together for CMH? Agencies doing case management will have to decide if they will continue to use WA model.

Joan suggested that we get a written report on our big ticket items...Mobile Crisis/CRT, Wraparound, School based therapists, C-Bay Juvenile Justice Project, Family Support Specialists, Youth Intervention/Transition. Chris will ask for reports and bring them back to the board. Put on the agenda for March/April.

b.) Year 6 progress report and budget

We are in full implementation and the progress report is from October 1, 2009 to February 15, 2010. The one area that Chris would like board feedback is the lessons learned question. She asked “What would you like to tell the feds or other newly started sites that you have learned now”. Some responses were:

- * System transformation takes longer than a six year grant
- * Challenge grantees more up front, more technical assistance from the feds and a **STRONG** recommendation for site visits early on. Let them know the expectations up front.
- * Schools should be considered as an important piece, from the beginning
- * What you think your plans are in Year 1 isn't necessarily where you end up
- * Avoid a major recession/depression in the middle of your grant
- * Youth and Family involvement need to be considered in Year 1, they need to be included early on
- * Mentoring

Budget provided to the board was in the SAMSHA format, possibility of a small carryover in year 6. Gene reminded the board that if there is carryover those funds first and foremost are promised to mileage and to restoring rent.

Motion to Submit Grant Re-Application.

Motion by: Gene Garman **Second by:** Rosemary Cyr David N, suggested that the format be “prettied” up, edited etc before it was sent. **Motion:** Carried

Board members will be provided the re-application electronically and can print off the edits and lessons learned pages themselves opposed to re-distributing the entire document.

7. New Business

a.) New Member recommendation: Cary Zahrbock- UBH Medica

Chris made the recommendation and Brenda on behalf of the membership committee asked the board for a motion to accept Cary Zahrbock as a board member.

Motion: David Nusbaum **Seconded by:** MaryJo Cobb **Motion:** Carried

8. Motion to Adjourn: Motion: MaryJo Cobb **Seconded:** Rosemary Cyr **Motion:** Carried

Next Meeting: March 18, 2010 – 4:00pm-5:30pm St. Cloud, CMMHC/Blue Room