

STARS Regional System of Care Board Minutes

Members present: Brenda Mahoney, David Nusbaum, Elizabeth Rogers, Gene Garman, Hanna Kaufman, Joan Collins-Marotte, Julie Martindale, Kim Emanuel, Marcia Schlattman, MaryJo Cobb, Mary Jo Verschay, Pearl Lieb, Rosemary Cyr, Sandi Shoberg, Sharon Backstrom, Walter Bardell

Members absent: Abe Abrahamson, Ethan Turck, Glenace Edwall, Ismail Ali, Julie Carpenter, LaRone Greer,

Non-Voting Members present: Chris Schmid, Mayuli Bales, Sara Dahlquist

Staff: Jennifer Swendsen, Nanette Kiby, Michelle Ulfers

Visitors: Pam Funk, Julie Trost, Brian Trost

1. Call to order (4:00 - 4:05)

- a. Mission Statement read by David Nusbaum

2. Approval of February minutes– (4:05)

Motion by: David Nusbaum

Seconded by: MaryJo Cobb

Motion: Carried

3. Approval of Agenda – (4:05)

Motion by: Walter Bardell

Seconded by: Sharon Backstrom

Motion: Carried

4. Fiscal Report

- a) Fiscal Subcommittee report – Gene reported for subcommittee- The committee will meet the first Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30. The subcommittee elected co-chairs. This is the first ongoing subcommittee that will begin operating under the new Governing Board structure. The subcommittee reviewed voting and non voting members. Minutes are posted on the website. The subcommittee recommends to the board the motion noted below.. The next Fiscal subcommittee meeting will be held April 7th at 4:00pm.

Motion by: David Nusbaum

Seconded by: MaryJo Cobb

Motion: Carried

“That the Board honor the 3 year contract with the 4 counties to employ an additional social worker to move forward with making wraparound the service delivery method. The committee also recommends the counties re-affirm their commitment to using the wraparound process with families receiving children’s mental health case management.”

Discussion was held that commitments do not need to be brought back to the county Board’s but rather reiteration by county staff. Also comment that we need to evaluate the Wraparound efforts: outcomes, numbers etc. It was noted that STARS has already begun some evaluation efforts.

- b) YTD Expenditures – Jennifer provided the YTD report. Current through February. It was suggested to add codes so Board members could easily refer to lines or sections.

Motion by: David Nusbaum

Seconded by: Rosemary Cyr

Motion: Carried

Motion to approve Fiscal report

- c) Report on Year 5 budget – The year 5 budget was submitted to SAMHSA. The sub committee will review the process at its next meeting but this is likely not the operating budget for year 5 as we will likely have carry over funds and need to do an amended budget in November/December.

- d.) Budgeting process – A draft of the budget process has been developed and the committee will review in April.

5. Old Business

- a) Renewal retreat – Pearl gave attendees of the retreat time to share their thoughts.
- b) Updates from Board member attending:
David N. – is glad that we got some things down on paper and would like us to move forward with them.

Gene G. – thought what we heard from the youth was very important. 60% is failing, it is not good enough. He affirmed that Wraparound is very important. Information/education is power. Understanding what the jargon is and what we are trying to do. Gene asked what we can do as a Board to make the Board meeting more inviting to parents and youth?

Hannah – Came away from the retreat feeling a need to be more informed of what's going on with STARS. She felt somewhat intimidated and feels that by educating the youth they will have a stronger voice.

MaryJo Cobb – Thought we came up with a lot of good processes to work on.

MaryJo Verschay – Felt like we were told that we were doing everything wrong. We need to work as partners, join forces and move forward.

Brenda – thought at first it was difficult and tense. Anxiety can often times push change though. Sounded hopeful, we need to pull together.

Julie M - we are all working for the same purpose.

Sharon – really got a sense of how professionals feel, if they feel disempowered. Listening to everyone and finding respect for each other is important. The people who brought up issues were courageous and now we can move on.

Walter – There was tension he felt it was discussed on Saturday.

- c) 6 planning areas update – Board task forces to complete?
MaryJo Cobb is willing to chair the Sustainability workgroup. All interested on being on a workgroup to develop the committee: contact MaryJo.
David suggests that the first order of business is to clarify the decision making process. A flow chart has begun to take shape. Then the Board can look at the need for different or additional committees/work groups.

6. New Business

- a.) Resignation Clinical Director – Bill Affeldt the Clinical Director is resigning as of May 1st, 2009. More discussion is needed. Tabled until April
- b.) Board Subcommittees – Chris is going to get a list of the Board subcommittees by April Board meeting.
- c.) Grievance Issues – Some concerns brought forward which again raised the question – where does a person go when they have a concern/grievance? The By-laws committee previously discussed at length as did the board and did not put in place a grievance procedure. It was noted there is a difference between a complaint (handled at each agency, by each agency) and a grievance. STARS uses CMMHC for complaints. Does STARS need a grievance

procedure put into place? Board members were asked to Please send Chris their agency's grievance procedures, complaints and appeals.

7. Other additions to agenda

- a.) MaryJo Cobb provided an update the Training Committee has completed a Request for Proposal, it will be posted on the website.
- b.) Michelle and parents introduced Family Connections Night. Parents shared what a positive experience it was. "They really need a time like this."
- c.) Parents in attendance addressed the Board with some questions about decision-making processes, stipends and upcoming trainings.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by: Walter Bardell **Seconded by:** MaryJo Cobb

NEXT GOVERNANCE BOARD MEETING: April 16, 2009 Monticello CMMHC/Group Room