

MINUTES
STATE MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARD
Western State Hospital
Staunton, Virginia
June 27-28, 2002

- Call to Order*** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Virginia Dofflemyer.
- Agenda*** The agenda was approved as amended.
- Minutes*** The minutes of April 25, 2002 were approved as printed.
- Members Present*** Virginia Dofflemyer, Mike Flynn, Joe Allen, Bunny Gunn, Elaine McConnell, Bill Pierce, Doug Turner, Garnett Robinson and Nancy Ward.
- Staff Present*** Dr. James Reinhard, Wendy Brown, Charline Davidson, Leslie Anderson, Allyson Tysinger, Marlene Butler.
- Welcome*** Dr. Jack Barber, Executive Director, welcomed the Board to Western State and made a presentation about the facility.
- Commissioner's Report*** Dr. Reinhard reviewed for the Board recent activities including the mission of the Department, the strategic planning process, Executive agreement review, medication shortfall issues, budget shortage crisis, restructuring, a Governor's Summit meeting planned for the Fall of 2002.
- CCCA*** William Tuell, Executive Director of the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents, presented an overview of the center whose clientele are children, 4 - 18 years of age, who are in need of acute care.
- Regulations*** It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board adopt the proposed *Public Participation Guidelines* 12 VAC 35-11-10 et seq. for publication and public comment.
- It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board adopt for publication and public comment the proposed *Regulations for Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Residential Services for Children* 12 VAC 35-45-10 et seq., with the following amendments:
- Page 10, first line should read "frequency of mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse interventions.....
- Addition of an Item #9 should read:
9. Substance abuse education and counseling

...with the simultaneous repeal of the existing *Mandatory Certification/Licensure Standards for Residential Facilities for Children* 12 VAC 35-40-10 et seq.

It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board adopt the proposed emergency *Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services*, 12 VAC 35-105-10 et seq. for promulgation with the simultaneous publication of a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to amend the current *Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services*, to incorporate provisions for licensing providers of the Individual and Family Development Support Waiver services, to be effective September 19, 2002.

Coalition Building Grant

Charline Davidson, on behalf of Jim Martinez, provided an update on Coalition Building Grant which had been presented to the Board in September 2001. At that time the Board voted to support the proposal for a one or one and a half day conference on community based care. Since the recent Olmstead Decision, a task force has been established and the Board approved using the funds from the grant to support the work of the Task Force.

SVMHI request

The Board approved a request from the Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Danville to rename a conference room, A Wing - Room #A-3 in honor of the retiring director, Constance Fletcher.

SHRC Appointments

The Board appointed two new members, Carmen Anne Thompson and Doris D. "Davey" Zelmer to the State Human Rights Committee.

Inspector General

Dr. Anita Everett reported on the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, presented a history of the establishment of the office and asked the Board's support for the office.

The Board, voted to send a letter to Governor Warner and Secretary Woods asking for more staffing for that office, particularly funding for contracting outside sources, emphasizing the importance of the office and urging that the independence of the office be maintained.

Priorities

Mike Flynn and Bunny Gunn reported on their conversation with Commissioner Reinhard concerning his priorities for the Department. Further conversations on how the Board can support his priorities will be held at future meetings.

Publicity

Doug Turner reported on a conversation with Martha Mead on ways to obtain more favorable publicity for the Department. Several suggestions were shared including recognizing outstanding contributions by staff,

getting more publicity for Board meetings. No action was taken, further discussion will be held.

Human Rights

Chuck Collins, Human Rights Advocate for Region I, reported on the Human Rights Training Sessions and other issues.

Meeting Dates

The September meeting dates were changed to October 3-4 at a location to be decided later.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Virginia Dofflemyer, Chair

Marlene Butler, Secretary