

Minutes
State Mental Health, Mental Retardation
and Substance Abuse Services Board

Richmond, Virginia

- Members Present:* B. Hunt Gunter, Victoria Huber Cochran, Linda Bartlett, Elaine McConnell, Dan Karnes, Ruth Jarvis.
- Excused:* David Trinkle, Garnett Robinson, Prince Rivers.
- Staff Present:* Dr. Reinhard, Rat Ratke, Charline Davidson, Paul Gilding, Wendy Brown, Jane Hickey, Marion Greenfield, Marlene Butler.
- Call to Order:* The Chair, Hunt Gunter, called the meeting to order.
- Agenda:* The Agenda was approved as printed.
- Minutes:* The Minutes of January 26, 2005 were approved as distributed.
- Commissioner's Report:* Dr. Reinhard discussed the importance of the Department's upcoming capital budget submission. He expressed his interest in discussing capital outlay issues and capital priorities with the Board at its June meeting. Members of the Planning, Budget and Public Education Committee noted that this had been a topic of discussion at their committee meeting. The Board requested an inventory of state properties, particularly land and building assessments, prior to the June meeting. This inventory would help in identifying properties that could be better used for other purposes. The Board was also interested in selling these properties to create funding for other needed projects. Members were interested in learning more about the state capital outlay process with respect to the sale of state owned property. They were particularly concerned with the state capital process timeframes and requirements related to the sale of property and wanted to pursue opportunities for expediting the process.
- The Board also raised a concern regarding the lack of available crisis beds in the community. This also had been discussed by the Planning, Budget, and Public Education Committee.

Public Comment: Dean Lynch, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources, brought greetings from Secretary Jane Woods.

Inspector General: Jim Stewart, Inspector General, presented an overview of his office.

2005 Legislation: Martha Mead presented Legislation passed in the 2005 Session which will require regulatory action by the Board. These were:

HB 1778 and SB 753 which require the establishment of standards to evaluate the need for and appropriateness of new licenses for methadone clinics. The Board is authorized to promulgate emergency regulations.

HB 2461 and SB 1304 require the Department to promulgate regulations to require that all adult and children's group homes provide to the Department a name, address and telephone number of a contact person to serve as the provider's community relations liaison and notify the Department immediately of any changes in information.

HB 2881 and SB1333 provide that the Commissioner may issue a summary order revocation or denial of the license of a children's group home or residential service when practices exist that post an immediate and substantial threat to the health, safety and welfare of the residents.

HB 2826 and SB 1237 designate the DMHMRSAS as the agency responsible for licensing services under the brain injury waiver and residential services for individuals with brain injury.

June Board Meeting: *The Board received a letter from Dr. Reinhard requesting that a June Board meeting be scheduled to consider new or revised policies in the areas of:*

- a. Vision Statement*
- b. Partnership Agreement*
- c. Individual Consumer Information and the Community Consumer Submission*
- d. Single Point of Entry and Case Management.*

They approved the development of the policies and asked the secretary to poll the Board to find a date in June to hold a meeting.

Regulation 12 VAC 35-210-12 et seq

The Board approved the Proposed Regulations Governing Temporary Leave from State Facilities 12 VAC 35-210-10 et seq.

State Board Policy: The Board adopted the revised State Board Policy 1029 (SYS) 90-2 Definition of Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance and At-Risk of Serious Emotional Disturbance.

VACSB: Nita Gringold, past chair of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, presented a public policy update. She announced the dates of upcoming conferences:
Development and Training Conference – Va. Beach May 11-13
IT Conference – Danville August 24-26
Public Policy Conference – Roanoke Oct. 5-7
Legislative Conference – Richmond Jan. 17-18

She also announced that they have hired a new Associate Director, Karen Feagin and will be moving their offices to the west end of Richmond in April.

Adjournment: There being no further business before, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

B. Hunt Gunter, Chair

Marlene A. Butler, Secretary