

State Mental Health, Mental Retardation  
And Substance Abuse Services Board  
August 12-13, 2004  
Catawba Hospital  
Catawba, Virginia

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Acting Chair, Hunt Gunter.

**New Members** Mr. Gunter introduced members recently appointed to the Board.

**Members Present** Hunt Gunter, Ruth Jarvis, Linda Bartlett, Victoria Huber Cochran, Dan Karnes and David Trinkle (Friday only).

**Staff Present** James Reinhard, Jane Hickey, Martha Mead, Wendy Brown, Leslie Anderson, Steven Wolf, and Marlene Butler.

**Welcome** Jack Wood, Executive Director of Catawba Hospital, welcomed the Board. He did a brief presentation in which he described the difficulties faced by the hospital due to budget cuts.

S. James Sikkema, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare in Roanoke, also welcomed the Board and described the cooperative efforts of the various agencies in the Roanoke Valley to deliver good mental health care to the residents of the valley.

**Agenda** The agenda was approved as printed.

**Minutes** The minutes of April 22, 2004 were approved.

**Public Comment** Pat Campbell and Ann Hutton from Carilion Behavioral Health presented some information on their organization. This is a volunteer organization in the Roanoke Valley which works cooperatively with Catawba Hospital, Blue Ridge Behavioral and other groups to provide mental health care. They noted that there is a shortage of acute beds and ask for more funding for Catawba to open more beds. They also noted their concern that there were too few counselors and physicians to meet consumers' needs at the Community Services Boards.

Vicky Fisher and Diane Kelly of the Mental Health Association spoke to the Board about consumer empowerment and Children's mental health care and echoed the concerns expressed above.

**VACSB** Mary Ann Bergeron, Executive Director, and Barbara Barrett, Chair, of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, presented their report and announced the upcoming conferences sponsored by the VACSB. Daniel Karnes and Victoria Cochran

will attend part of the Charlottesville conference, Hunt will attend the Richmond conference and Ruth Jarvis will attend the event held in Norfolk.

**Closed Session** It was moved, seconded and approved that the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 for the purpose of considering a personnel matter.

Upon reconvening in open session, the State MHMRSAS Board members unanimously certified that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in the Executive Session.

The motion was made and unanimously passed to award a bonus to the State Board Secretary.

**Youth Survey** The Board approved a request from the Prevention and Promotion Advisory Council for a letter from the Board to the State Board of Education seeking support for a youth survey program.

**Grant Application** The Board approved the submission of a grant application "Improving Outcomes for DUI Offenders" by the Office of Substance Abuse to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles.

**State Human Rights Comm.** The Board appointed the following persons to the State Human Rights Committee for a term of July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2007.

Kirby Wright (New Appointment)

Delores Archer (Reappointment)

Dr. Joyce E. Bozeman (Reappointment)

Dr. R. Michael Marsh (Reappointment).

**SHRC Annual Report** Dr. Michael Marsh, a member of the State Human Rights Committee, presented their annual report to the Board.

**Commissioner's Report** Dr. James Reinhard, DMHMRSAS Commissioner, reported to the board on a number of issues including the Department's vision, reinvestment, restructure and regional partnerships.

**Periodic Review – Human Rights** Nan Neese, Regional Human Rights Advocate, and Sonia Smith, Human Rights Advocate Senior, presented a request to proceed with the Periodic Review of the *Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services*. Following their presentation, the Board approved the request to proceed.

**DMHMRSAS Conference** Martha Mead, Office of Legislation and Public Relations, presented an update on the Governor's Conference on Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to be held in Richmond on December 9-10. She asked what

part the Board would like to take in the conference and also that a member be appointed to the Planning Committee. Hunt Gunter will attend the planning meetings.

**Regulatory Process** Wendy Brown, Office of Policy and Planning, walked the Board through the steps of the Regulatory process.

**Regulations** Leslie Anderson, Office of Licensure, presented a request to the Board for approval to publish regulations “*Standards for the Interdepartmental Regulation of Children’s Residential Facilities*” 22 VAC 42-11 which are intended to replace existing Regulations 22 VAC 42-10. The Board approved publishing the regulations.

**NOIRA** Steven Wolf, Office of Quality Management, presented a request for approval to publish a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action to initiate the promulgation of regulations related to convalescent leave and temporary leave from state facilities. The Board approved publishing the NOIRA.

**Adjournment** There being no further business before them, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 21-22, FREDERICKSBURG

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Hunt Gunter, Acting Chair

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Marlene Butler, Secretary