

March ECBHCFAC minutes

Present: Terry B., Sandy M., Inez D., Sammy D., Annie H., Patrick B., Sandra B., Len Long, Evelyn H.

Excused Absence: Millie H., Marvin , Ruth

Division: Novella A.

LME: Joy Futrell

Guests: Shelby Smithwick

Evelyn H. called the March Meeting of the ECBHCFAC to order.

Gaps in service were identified by Sandra B. as she read a letter from a provider. Persons with dual diagnoses are receiving reduced services. Two services have been discontinued for Sandra's daughter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were corrected and approved.

Local Empowerment Groups – Craven, Pamlico, Jones L.E.G. reported Melissa Lewis rescheduled her program about The Arc and its activities – Summer camp for children & adults. She will present at the March L.E.G. Inez reported for the Beaufort L.E.G. Sara Gray spoke on dealing with the language of recovery.

Joy Futrell was the speaker presenting information about the Waiver program. Our CFAC was asked to support the fact that ECBH is applying to operate the Medicaid funded services for our consumers with MH/DD/SA needs through a capitated pre-paid health plan for our community. Sandy drafted a letter we will send to Roy Wilson. Joy reported that the purpose of the Waiver is to improve access, quality, and outcomes.

Inez agreed to contact Mr. Spruill about the use of the Ag. Ext. Building in Washington NC April 12 meeting for our merged meeting with Albemarle CFAC. Our bylaws state that we hold elections in June, but we discussed waiting until we join Albemarle to do this.

Sandra B. made a motion to authorize up to 4 CFAC members to attend the Spring Policy Forum and was seconded by Terry. The motion passed. Possible delegates may be Inez, Millie, Sandra, Sandy.

There was much discussion concerning how do we spread our information about our L.E.G. meetings? Joy suggested we contact Mike for physical addresses of providers. Sandra suggested churches. Inez stated that some churches host SA programs. Novella suggested AA programs and other 12 step programs be publicized.

Announcements about Learn & Lunch seminars were noted.

The Spring Policy Forum is May 3 – 4 at the Hilton North Raleigh – 919 – 327- 1510 for information about registration. Submitted by Evelyn Harrison

