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ECBH CFAC minutes for March 9, 2009

Present: Inez, Sammy, Carol, Ruth, Patrick, Sandra, Marvin, David, Lynn, Evelyn, Terry, Millie
Excused: Katie, Danny, Debbie, Edward
Guests: ECBH Staff: Lisa Bonnett, Gin Monroe, Mike Kupecki and Cindy Ehlers,
State CET: Novella Applewhite
Provider: John Kerns with Arc of NC.

Introductions were made at the first of the meeting.

Lisa then informed the CFAC of changes being made within Hope Station. Hope Station provides recovery education and peer support. They also offer disaster training and law enforcement training in addition to wellness classes such as WRAP that teaches taking personal responsibility for wellness. Currently there are no funds for additional programs for Oasis and Hope Station so, therefore, no way to increase outreach activities and add programs. This is because, as a part of the LME, Hope Station cannot bill for services. It was decided to divest Hope Station and Oasis from the LME to be able to bill for services and to grow the needs of the community. Recovery Innovations, a private provider, agreed to provide services after divestment. They have the infrastructure and recovery oriented philosophy to be successful. It will be operated on a 24/7/365 basis. They will also have the Living Room which will be located in a separate building next door to Hope Station. The Living Room will be a support facility for individuals in crisis but who do not need hospitalization. A person can remain in the Living Room support services for up to three days with activities provided by peer support workers.

During public comments Carol identified several gaps in service. She stated that:

1. Gates county only had one private provider that that they did not serve the DD population.
2. Currently Gates County has no LME representation.
3. The ECBH website is not up to date and old information on providers is still posted.
4. A consumer drop-in center has not yet been established in the former Roanoke-Chowan area as promised.

She felt that many in the Bertie County area feel that this area is being passed over and neglected.

Cindy stated that gaps in services should be a standing agenda item rather than be cited in public comments. She reminded the CFAC that identification of gaps is a primary purpose for CFAC. Terry made a motion to request further investigation into Carol's presentation. Evelyn seconded the motion and it passes by consensus.

Approval of prior minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

The CFAC budget for 2009 was approved without comment. Terry made the motion to approve it and Evelyn seconded. It was approved by consensus.

The current year-to-date CFAC budget was reviewed without comment. Terry made a motion to approve the budget and Carol seconded the motion. It was approved by consensus.

Eastern Regional CFAC planning was discussed. After reviewing food prices from several vendors Len made a motion to use McAlister's to cater lunch. Sandra seconded and the motion carried by consensus.

Report from Cindy: Cindy reviewed the CFAC-LME Relational Agreement and pointed out several provisions that had been breached by a member of CFAC. She stated that this member had been given information about the spin-off of Hope Station and that this member had divulged information on a

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reduction in force (RIF) before a final decision had been made. Cindy recounted that this act had caused considerable problems within Hope Station. She requested a statement from CFAC to rectify this situation. Terry made a motion that the CFAC send a letter of apology, acknowledge the mistake made, and let it be known that the CFAC will be more conscious in the future to 'uphold its end of the bargain', and that such occurrences would not happen in the future. Len seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus.

Report from Mike: Mike provided information on the ECBH Community Planning and Needs Assessment Update.

Terry made a motion that the CFAC agenda be sent 7 days before the upcoming meeting so that input and revisions can be made if necessary. Lynn seconded and it was approved by consensus.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Hendrickson, CFAC secretary