

Region Ten Community Services Board

Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2021, 4:00 PM

500-B Old Lynchburg Rd

Charlottesville, VA

Members Present

John Kronstain
Tom Worosz
Stephen Wunsh
Dr. Barry Blumenthal
Pattie Heggie
Peggy Whitehead, Secretary

Members Absent

Ms. D Pryor
Edna Harris
Barbara Barrett, Chair
Helayna Banks
Jacqueline Webber

Others Present

Lisa Beitz, Executive Director
Jessica Phipps, Executive Assistant
Kathy Williams, Senior Director
Katy Gulat, Project Manager
Dr. Kristen Chessier, HPR I Regional Director

I. Call to Order

Ms. Barrett called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. Welcome

Ms. Barrett introduced Katy Gulat as the program manager and assistant to Lisa Beitz. Jessica Phipps has taken the position of office manager.

III. Comments from the Public

There was no public present.

IV. Chair's Remarks

Ms. Barrett wanted to remind board members of the committees. If anyone has interest in a committee, please speak to Ms. Barrett or speak to the committee chair. Ms. Barrett reminded members that regulations require the Board to meet in person. A request was made to move the meetings to earlier in the day. A request was made to not hold the meetings on Mondays Wednesdays if the meeting will be earlier in the day. For those working, moving the meeting to earlier in the day can be difficult. It was suggested that a pole be created to see what days/times work best for individual members.

The poll will request multiple areas of information. Ms. Barrett had to step away from the meeting and Mr. Kronstain took lead in her place.

V. HPRI Regional Office

Dr. Kristen Chesser presented the Regional Office to the Board. Programs will be centralized under one roof. Region Ten houses the Regional Office. Adult mobile crisis is being set up. The call center is a work in progress. Recruitment is a top priority for the Regional office. The Regional office covers nine CSBs. Rappahannock Rapidan is the pilot CSB for the regional to cover Marcus Alert. This will be set in place by December 1st. Currently there are 53 vacancies out of roughly 70 positions.

VI. Executive Director's Remarks

Covid vaccines at 95% are either fully vaccinate or have had the first shot. About 4% have applied for an exemption. Staff have until the 19th to fully comply. A few staff have chosen to leave employment with Region Ten. After the 20th, a four-week period will observe the exemption requests and accommodations to see if they are sustainable. Booster shots will be expected in the future. Region Ten has to adhere to the CMS rule.

We will continue to discuss Marcus Alert, Project Bravo and STEP VA. It is uncertain what the new governor could mean for these initiatives.

Region Ten has been working steadily to get our brand under one logo. This will include signage. Louisa clinic is steadily being worked on. We are no longer looking to share the building. The goal was to start construction in the spring. This will bump back some.

VACSB conference in January will be virtual. This conference is connected to the general assembly and legislation.

VII. Consent Agenda

Mr. Kronstain asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Wunsh motioned and Ms. Whitehead seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. Audit Report

Mr. Wunsh reviewed the audit report with the Board. Region Ten received a clean opinion for the audit. The federal funding received a clean opinion as well. There were no recommendations for Region Ten. Region Ten is in good financial condition. The Administrative and Financial Team at Region Ten did an outstanding job.

The Finance Committee recommends approving the Region Ten Audit. Dr. Blumenthal seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Payee Policy: The rate is changing to \$20 to manage those payee funds. Region Ten only serves the consumers in our residential programs.

Mr. Wunsh is abstaining from the vote. The motion was made by Dr. Blumenthal and seconded by Pattie Heggie. The motion was approved with one abstention.

IX. Other Business

There was no additional business at this time.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.