



Meeting Minutes of the Cabarrus Health Alliance Board May 9, 2006

Present: Mr. Charles Phillips, Board Chairman, Mrs. Wanda Douglas, Dr. Alan Krusell, Dr. Robert Silver

Absent: Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter, Mr. Mark Nantz, Dr. Jonathan Zsambeky

Also Present: Dr. William F. Pilkington, Secretary to the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. and offered the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dr. Krusell, and a second by Dr. Silver, the minutes of the February 14 and March 14 Cabarrus Health Alliance Board meetings were approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Phillips added to the agenda Health Department of the 21st Century Concept Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA

BUDGET REVISION AND AMENDMENTS REQUESTS

Tammie Harkey, CHA Finance Director, reviewed the budget revisions and amendments:

\$4,551.00 – Funds received from Women's and Children's Health Section to be used for any Family Planning approved expense, including contraceptives, pap tests and provision of sterilizations.

\$1,515.00 – Funds received from Women's & Children's Health Section to support the purchase of contraceptives and other supplies needed to provide family planning services to Hurricane Katrina evacuees

Upon a motion by Ms. Douglas, and second by Dr. Krusell, the Consent Agenda items were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE ON DENTAL CLINIC EXPANSION

Cappie Stanley reported that expansion of the CHA Dental Clinic is on target, on budget, and should be completed by June. Additional staff will be hired, and additional scheduling slots will be added to include some adult patients.

NEW BUSINESS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Dr. Pilkington discussed a recent meeting in Chapel Hill with state and national experts discussing the concept. He noted that part of the concept with the Institute of Public Health in Chapel Hill is to train public health professions through hands on, best practices, a practice laboratory, and through partnerships with technology, in order to create a public health department model that be used nationwide. Dr. Pilkington also noted that the Institute for Public Health is working on trying to secure national funding for this project. Dr. Krusell added that this is a huge potential opportunity for CHA.

RECOMMENDATION FOR HEALTH, DENTAL & LIFE INSURANCE FY 2006-07

Betty Braxton introduced Drew Lamb from BB&T Insurance Services. She explained that NCACC would be offering health insurance coverage through CIGNA and Caremark for FY 2006-07, and she did not recommend it. Mr. Lamb secured two quotes from BCBSNC for a core plan and a buy-up plan. The Core Plan would represent a 10.5% increase to CHA. The buy-up plan would represent a 20% increase, with employees paying the difference in premiums for themselves as well as their dependents. Mrs. Braxton noted that she plans to send out a survey to employees to see if there is enough interest to offer the buy-up plan in addition to the core plan. Mrs. Braxton noted that Guardian, Unicare and Aetna declined to quote. She requested board approval to recommend BCBSNC as the health insurance provider. Upon a motion by Ms. Douglas, and a second by Dr. Silver, BCBSNC was approved as the health insurance provider for Cabarrus Health Alliance employees for FY 2006-07.

Mrs. Braxton also recommended BCBSNC as the provider for voluntary dental insurance and term life insurance for FY 2006-07. She noted that employees cover 100% of the cost for voluntary dental coverage. Basic Term life coverage is provided at no charge to all full-time and part-time employees, with the option to purchase additional coverage. Mrs. Braxton stated that by combining these policies together under one provider, the rates were more competitive. Upon a motion by Dr. Krusell and a second by Ms. Douglas, BCBSNC was approved as the Voluntary Dental and Life Insurance provider for FY 2006-07.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 2006-07

Mrs. Harkey reviewed the preliminary budget with board members. Board members discussed various sections of the report for clarification. The preliminary budget FY 2006-07 was approved as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF CHA BOARD MEMBER REINSTATEMENTS/NOMINATIONS

Chairman Phillips noted that Ms. Douglas would not be returning to the board after her current term of office expires on June 30. He announced that Jessica Castrodale, RN, was interested in serving on the CHA Board as a public member. Board members reviewed and discussed her application. Chairman Phillips also stated that Dr. Jonathan Zsambeky has agreed to serve a second term of office and has made application. Mr. Phillips also announced that he had made application to serve another term as CHA Board Chairman. He stated that if all three nominations were approved by the CHA Board, they would be submitted for approval by the Cabarrus County Commissioners at their June 19 meeting. All were unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Chairman Phillips reviewed the following reports: 3rd Quarter FY 2005-06 Goals & Objectives Reports, 3rd Quarter FY 2005-06 Customer Satisfaction Survey Results, FY 2006 State Agreement Addenda Report, 3rd Quarter FY 2005-06 Employee Separations Report, Dental Clinic Report, Day Care Activities Report, Healthy Cabarrus Report, and the March Clinic Summary Recap.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne P. Berry
Clerk to the Board