

PROVIDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Alamance-Caswell Area MH/DD/SA Authority

October 22, 2004

The **Alamance-Caswell Provider Advisory Council met, October 22, 2004** at 10:00 a.m. at Ralph Scott Lifeservices, Inc., 408 West Trade Street, Burlington, North Carolina.

Providers: Bill Harrington, Omnivisions; Richard Edwards, EasterSeal's UCP; Tiffany Sands, Triumph; LaCheata and Nathaniel Hall, Hearthstone; Ron Osborne, Residential Treatment Services; Noelle Werking, Advanced Health Resources; Karen Garafola, Alcohol and Drug Services; Gene Rodgers, Health Force; Julie Ewing, Ralph Scott Lifeservices

Staff: Connie Windham, Julie Foster, Bonnie Hill, Ann Wood

Guest:

AGENDA	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Introduction of New Members	Ms. Foster introduced new council member, Noelle Werking, of Advanced Health Resources. Annie Meloy of Central State of the Carolinas has also asked to join the council but was unable to attend today's meeting.
July 2004 Minutes	July minutes accepted as written.
Mission Statement and Committee Structure	Gene Rodgers-The team reviewed proposed mission statements. Draft options one and two were combined and revised. The committee approved the revised statement. Mr. Rodgers will forward final statement to committee members and present mission statement to full provider forum in November. Committee will discuss structure/composition/goals of committee at next advisory council meeting.
Provider Forum Planning	Ms. Wood discussed possible presentation regarding insurance coverage as it relates to providers. Ms. Wood indicated that she has had contact with a retired insurance representative who was willing to provide a presentation to the full Forum on professional liability, insurance coverage requirements, etc. The committee felt that this was a topic that providers would be interested in but felt it warranted more time than could be offered in the Forum venue. Members suggested a separate training be developed for providers. Ms. Wood agreed to contact the representative and assist in arranging training. The committee discussed standing agenda items for future forums: Standing agenda items include: QI updates-QI dept. Legislative updates-Gene Rodgers Divestiture updates-Connie Windham Additional Areas for November forum: LME reorganization Transition planning for divested services Electronic Billing-MIS department Spotlight on Providers -discuss with providers idea of short provider presentation, by disability area, at future provider forums. Admissions Process Training -to be provided to select providers prior to the Forum. Ms. Wood will contact providers scheduled to attend.

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<p>Provider Participation on LME committees</p>	<p>Bonnie Hill, QI specialist with the LME, reviewed the functions/tasks of the reorganized LME QI committee and requested provider representation.</p> <p>Tiffany Sands of Triumph and Bill Harrington of OmniVisions volunteered to provide provider representation on the committee. Ms. Hill will contact one of the volunteers when the initial meeting is scheduled.</p> <p>Ms. Windham indicated that as other LME committees are formed additional provider representation will be requested.</p>
<p>Regional PRLF Committee</p>	<p>Ann Wood discussed a recommendation from the State Provider Relations Leadership Forum committee that regional teams be formed. At the State committee level the suggestion was made that regional teams be developed as working committees to address various issues relevant to providers and LMEs and to funnel information from regions to the state committee. Ms. Wood provided handouts to committee members on the structure of the proposed committee.</p> <p>Committee members expressed interest in the regional concept and several indicated willingness to serve on regional teams.</p> <p>Ms. Wood agreed to keep the committee informed regarding progress with regional team development.</p>
<p>Next Meeting/Agenda Items</p>	<p>Next Meeting: January 21, 2005 at 10:00 AM at Triumph office, 915 S Main Street, in Burlington.</p> <p>Ms. Sands will email directions to Ms. Windham who will send out to all members prior to next meeting.</p> <p>Agenda Items for next meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss structure/membership of committee. 2. Plan agenda for February forum