

PROVIDER COUNCIL

Alamance-Caswell Area MH/DD/SA Authority

July 8, 2005

The **Alamance-Caswell Provider Council met, July 8, 2005** at 10:00 am. at the Human Services Center, 319 N. Graham Hopedale Road, Burlington, North Carolina.

Providers: Debbi Kennerson-webb, Triumph; Richard Edwards, Easter Seals UCP; Ann Wood, Caring Family network; Karen Garafola, ADS and Gene Rodgers, healthforce.

Staff: Julie Foster, Connie Windham, Linda Jones, Jean Gibson and Carmen Morrow.

AGENDA	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS
Welcome & Review Previous Minutes	<p>Minutes were reviewed from June meeting. There were no changes.</p>
Update on Rockingham Provider Transition	<p>Linda discussed Rockingham Provider training that was held in Rockingham County in June. The training was held for Rockingham Providers – AM session of meeting was a brief overview of all components of LME by LME Managers. PM session was overview of application process and Q/A session. LME is gradually assuming responsibility for Rockingham County. We are looking at enrolling at least 30 new providers in addition to existing providers. The training was well attended and well received by providers. We received a lot of positive feedback.</p> <p>Rockingham County Mental Health is currently in a transition year (05/06) – As of June 30, 2006 they will be a provider. As of July 1, all money will flow through LME – billing as well. Connie discussed process – enrollment will be completed by early September, authorizations will begin no later than October 1st. Rockingham County is already nationally accredited. LME will conduct a series of trainings (authorizations to crisis) to ensure a smooth transition. Training dates/times will be located on the website.</p> <p>Rockingham County provider representatives will be invited to attend the Provider Council meetings after the enrollment process is complete. Linda stated the LME is looking forward to upcoming Provider Forums to be held in Rockingham County – they will be held opposite months of Alamance forums. The forums held will consist of the same agenda items and LME providers may attend either forum.</p>
Provider Endorsement	<p>Linda discussed provider endorsement training. The final draft is out now. The suggestion was made to conduct endorsement training at July Provider forum, July 21st. Lena Klumper, LME division liaison will be present for training to answer any specific questions. Council members agreed to hold endorsement training at July Forum and move July agenda items to September Provider Forum. Tentative date for endorsement training for Rockingham is August 8th. The training is not mandatory – trainings should be standard with all LMEs with the exception of specific contact information, etc.</p> <p>Suggestions by providers on LME specific information to include in the training were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates/Timelines (Specific) • Contact Information <p>Self study and check sheets have not yet been finalized. The LME will be deciding how to conduct ongoing endorsement training after initial trainings are completed. Options include: quarterly endorsement trainings, on-line training through the Council, etc.</p> <p>Accreditation will be a separate training – Amy Stevens, QA/QI Manager will conduct.</p> <p>Action: Linda to contact Amy Stevens regarding Accreditation training. Suggestions will be emailed to Linda regarding helpful information requested for endorsement training.</p>

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Provider Forum Agenda for September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion made to provide A to Z handout with all new forms.• Discussed accreditation process – it may be helpful to have separate training.• Update on Community Capacity expansion money – need clarity if providers will be able to use.• Update on child crisis resources – CMSED funds.• Authorizations – Providers questioned whether there are plans to enable electronic submission at some point.• Publicize Provider Council meetings at next forum to increase participation.• Discuss system issues – please send any specific items to Linda so the appropriate manager can be contacted. <p>Action: The forum agenda items previously discussed were tabled, as the July Forum will be dedicated to Provider Endorsement training.</p>
Next Meeting	Friday, August 5 th at 10:30 am in Room G32 at HSC building.