

# PROVIDER COUNCIL

Alamance-Caswell Area MH/DD/SA Authority

**March 4, 2005**

The **Alamance-Caswell Provider Council** met, **March 4, 2005** at 10:00 a.m. at Triumph offices, 915 S. Main Street, Burlington, North Carolina.

**Providers:** Richard Edwards, Easter Seals UCP; Tiffany Sands & Amy Bialock, Triumph; Julie Ewing, Ralph Scott Lifeservices

**Staff:** Connie Windham, Provider Relations

**Guest:**

AGENDA	DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>February 2005 Minutes</b>	February minutes accepted as written
<b>Regional PRLF</b>	Mr. Edwards reviewed attendance and agenda of February PRLF held at the Durham Center. Discussion continued from last PRLF meeting regarding rates, service definitions, provider endorsement, etc. Ms. Windham provided information about the history and organization of the state PRLF committee. <b>Next meeting of the North Central Regional PRLF is April 8, 2005 at 10:00 at the Durham Center.</b>
<b>Provider Endorsement</b>	Ms. Windham distributed a handout of the draft policy and procedures for endorsement of providers. Members briefly reviewed the transitional element of the procedures which deals with deemed status, for a six month period of time, for established providers.
<b>Forum Planning</b>	<p>The committee reviewed the new Forum schedule. After the May meeting, forums will be scheduled every 2 months. <b>The new schedule is: May 19<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p>Ms. Windham requested feedback from the committee about previous forum agendas, relevancy of information presented, etc. Overall the committee was satisfied with forums and information presented and will continue to assist in agenda planning.</p> <p>Spotlight on Providers for May Forum will include representatives from all three disability areas. <b>Agencies scheduled to present information will be notified in April.</b></p>
<b>New Service Definitions</b>	<p>The committee discussed information received at the recent Service Definition Training presented by the Division. Providers indicated that there continues to be a lack of clarity regarding many of the definitions and that the service definitions on the Division website are not the most recent version.</p> <p>Mental health providers requested that LME staff and provider representatives begin planning for service definition changes. <b>A tentative date of March 24<sup>th</sup> was set for the first meeting for transition planning. Ms Windham will coordinate with LME staff and MH providers.</b></p>

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<b>Other Issues</b>	<p>Direct Enrollment-DMA has not processed all submitted applications; providers continue to have questions regarding their ability to bill through the LME during this transition period. LMEs and providers are receiving conflicting information from the Division/DMA. The LME is currently attempting to obtain a definitive answer from DMA.</p> <p>QI Committee-The QI committee will meet on April 26, 2005. One provider representative is needed on this committee. Previous volunteers were Tiffany Sands and Bill Harrington. Ms. Sands is unable to attend. <b>Ms. Windham will contact Bill Harrington regarding his continued interest in serving as provider representative to the QI committee. If Mr. Harrington is unable to attend Triumph will provide a representative.</b></p> <p>Communication-The committee discussed the most effective way for the LME to communicate upcoming changes in processes that affect providers, as the Area Program develops LME functions.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the Triumph office, 915 S Main Street, Burlington.