

Triad Consumer & Family Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2017
4045 University Parkway, Winston Salem, NC 27106

Committee Members	Voting Member Present = P Absent = A
CFAC Chair – Obie Johnson	P
Mary Annecelli	P
Gladys Christian	A
Bill Donahue	P
Tim Flavin	P
Pam Goodine	P
Ricky Graves	P
Dennis Lynch	P
Mary Miller	P
Matt Potter	P
Sarah Potter	P
Glenda Smith	P
David Silk	P
Staff	Non-Voting
Member Engagement Manager, Stacey Inman	Absent
MH/DD/SAS Community Engagement and Empowerment Team Division Liaison, Eric Fox	Absent
Guests	Non-Voting

- I. **Call to Order/Introduction** **Obie Johnson**
Obie Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. followed by a moment of silence.

- II. **Consent Agenda and Minutes Approval** **Mary Miller/Tim Flavin**
The agenda was accepted without change. The minutes for July were approved with changes on a motion by Matt Potter, seconded by Ricky Graves and approved unanimously.

- III. **Old Business** **Reports**
Matt Potter informed the group that Cardinal Innovations Healthcare still did not have any oversight on paying for a note taker for the CFAC meetings. Cardinal Innovations has agreed to provide a note-taker every other month. Bill Donohue suggested requesting a grant from MH/SUD to pay for a note-taker on the off months and to pay them \$15 an hour for three hours of work rounding to \$50 for a meeting. Matt Potter stated that they have to have meeting minutes and they have tried to engage Cardinal Innovations on this issue. Mary Miller suggested tabling the issue and making the motion at the next off-month meeting.

- IV. **Documents** **Group**

At this time, Cardinal Innovations does not have a fully functional version of the electronic comment form. It has only partially been corrected and remains flawed. Mary Miller asked who answered comments as it is supposed to go to the Board of Directors meeting. Beverly Morrow brings the comments to the Board of Directors meeting. Matt Potter informed the group that paper versions of the comment form are getting lost whereas electronic versions will not. Obie Johnson was concerned that Beverly Morrow was directed as to what comments she can make on CFAC's behalf. Matt Potter volunteered to write to ECFAC about the comment form to get an answer. Obie Johnson stated that Beverly Morrow represents them and we're waiting for the board to approve her.

V. Food

Group

Mary Anneckelli volunteered to pick up the food and have the group reimburse her. However, picking up food may be a huge hassle. This will only occur on off-months when Cardinal Innovations does not provide food. Delivery might work the best for the group. Pamela Goodine asked where we would get food and be reimbursing her. Mary Anneckelli asked if she should be reimbursed for food from the budget rather than the members. Pamela Goodine asked how much was in the budget, \$5,000. Ricky Graves asked if we could afford food on the off months, Obie Johnson stated in the affirmative. Matt Potter was frustrated by this due to food never being an issue with CenterPoint and receiving no support from Cardinal Innovations on the off-months is a lack of respect for their time. The budget was also decreased by \$15,000 and they have tried to get it restored. Tim Flavin mentioned that I/DD is taken care of by the County Commissioners and Cardinal Innovations does all the work. MH/SUD and I/DD receive monthly meeting support from Cardinal Innovations. Matt Potter stated that we agree as a body to forego food on the off months and members can bring their own food.

Obie Johnson called for a vote on whether the group would have food on the off-months or bring their own food. Based on a majority, the members will bring their own food on the off-months.

VI. MH/SUD Updates

Dennis Lynch

None.

VII. IDD Updates

Bill Donohue

It was revealed that if a member from Forsyth County enrolled in the Innovations Registry of Unmet needs in 2017 – based on the present unmet list and average allotments/awards over the previous six years- wouldn't be until 2043 (26 years) that they would receive these services. From 2010 to 2016 there were 35 awards per year, on average. As of 2017, 921 people were presently waiting in Forsyth County. For the comment form, 'what legislative or DHHS advocacy is under consideration to address this abdominal reality in Forsyth County?' The innovations waiver is designed to foster developmental independence through service – reducing tax payer burdens and advancing the dignity and productivity of people with disabilities. By waiting this long – the developmental transitions and skill development for most people have passed.

Matt Potter stated that skill development windows evaporate and we need to vote against legislature who shrink healthcare. Restaurants must accommodate wheelchairs, why don't we have to meet needs. Bill Donohue stated that the innovations waiver is only a waiver and can disappear with a blocked grant. Matt Potter stated that it might get blocked. North Carolina is 47th out of 50 in healthcare. Bill Donohue stated that Medicaid money is money you have to apply for and the cap is based upon how much it costs to institutionalize someone 40 years ago. Obie Johnson suggested bringing this up at the Provider's meeting. He also brought up the Department of Justice settlement which refers to North Carolina having to move people out of institutions and into homes. The program is currently failing as they are way behind.

VIII. CFAC Budget

Group

The budget is a two-page document that is confusing to navigate. The group has requested the Finance meeting minutes and been ignored. Amy Kendall presented the budget but she also stated that she does not understand it. Matt Potter suggested encouraging Cardinal Innovations to consider having ECFAC meetings quarterly and providing more support to local CFAC. Harry Underwood can speak on their behalf to the board due to him no longer being on the board. The group inquired as to how many lawsuits Cardinal Innovations is currently dealing with.

Sarah Potter informed the group that the October statutory requirements are to make recommendations regarding the service array. Transportation and wait list are inadequate. Obie Johnson suggested Matt Potter call in to the meeting.

IX. Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Updates

Stacey Inman

None.

X. Grants

CFAC Members

None.

XI. Recruitment

CFAC Members

None.

XII. Comments & Adjourn

Obie Johnson

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Tim Flavin, seconded by Bill Donohue and approved unanimously. The next meeting will be at 5:45 p.m. in the Triad Board Room on September 11, 2017.