

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Sales Tax Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2011

3:30 p.m.

Jefferson Board of County Commissioner's Chambers

Approved May 3, 2011

I. Call to Order/ Introductions

Board Members: X John Austin
 X Sheila Westerman
 X Catharine Robinson
 Barb Carr Absent
 X Anne Dean
 X Conner Daily
 X Jill Buhler

Staff: Julia Danskin

Public: Ford Kessler

- I. Approval and modification of the Agenda – approved by acclamation
- II. Review and adoption of the minutes of March 1, 2011 – Jill (M)/Sheila (S)/Approved
- III. Public Comment –
Ford Kessler said State Funding was difficult and he expected more cuts to treatment services.
Jill shared that the House Budget preserved funding for Basic Health Plan. The Senate budget should come out soon.
Catharine shared that Jumping Mouse has a new interim Director, Kris Becker.
Julia had additional copies of the 2010 data that was handed out at the March meeting. The new copies have some corrections from last month's copies.
- IV. 2011 Budget Tracking – Julia shared the updated Excel budget tracking sheet. March revenue is up slightly. Overall year-to-date revenue is up slightly from original predictions. Actual expenses for March not posted as of today's meeting.
- V. 2012 RFP Process and Budget – The 2012 budget is due to the County Administrator in September, 2011. This gives additional time to review projected revenue and expenses for 2011 before deciding on the 2012 budget for contracts that start in January, 2012. Julia suggested that the 2012 RFPs

be delayed until there is a better picture of how the revenue is tracking in comparison to the predictions. John and Julia suggested that the County just amend current contracts extending them for another year since there will probably be no additional funding available in 2012.

The contract for Mental Health Service in the schools is the only contract that needs to be in place by September 1st. Julia didn't think there are any other agencies with the capacity to do the School Contract other than Jefferson Mental Health.

There was discussion on whether the contracts could be extended with an amendment. Julia will check with the County legal counsel and bring back information to the May 3rd meeting.

There was discussion regarding how to reduce spending in 2012 if needed. Since Public Health has been producing extensive Community Assessment materials this year they may be able to cut some of that budget in 2012. The Committee felt it was important to look at needed services and outcomes based on the data reports.

Information from Family Therapeutic Court (FTC) and Topside (Juvenile Therapeutic Court), which was given out at the March 1st meeting, was reviewed and discussed again. The Committee was concerned about the large request for training for FTC. It was discussed how important it is that the funds be spend in providing direct services. It was noted that there are currently no families in FTC. Julia explained that FTC is listed in the RCW that created the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Sales Tax fund option. John said he will get a copy of the RCW and send it out to the Committee. (Follow Up Note: John sent the RCW to Julia and she forwarded to the Committee by email 4/6.)

There were also questions regarding the FTC Commissioner's salary. Julia will relate the questions to Barb and request that she come to the next meeting. (Follow Up Note: Julia called and talked with Barb about the discussion at the meeting. Barb said she will be at the next meeting and she will also request that someone from FTC come to answer questions.)

VI. Next meeting

May 3, 2011, 3:30 PM,
County Commissioners' Chambers.

Draft Agenda Items:

- 2012 Budget – RFP versus amending current contracts
- Family Therapeutic Court and Topside