

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND
AREA BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH
JOINT MEETING
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

Monday, March 24, 2003

4:00 P. M. – 6:00 P. M.

MINUTES

Place: Commissioners' Room, second floor, Durham County Government Administrative Complex, 200 E. Main Street, Durham, NC

Present: Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow, Vice-Chairman Joe W. Bowser (arrived at 4:25 p.m.), and Commissioners Philip R. Cousin Jr., Becky M. Heron (arrived at 4:15 p.m.), and Mary D. Jacobs

Staff Present: County Manager Michael M. Ruffin; Deputy County Manager Carolyn P. Titus; Deputy County Manager Wendell M. Davis; County Attorney Chuck Kitchen; Clerk to the Board Garry E. Umstead; Public Information/Governmental Affairs Director Deborah Craig-Ray; and Assistant to the County Manager Heidi Duer

Presiders: Commission Chairman Ellen W. Reckhow and Area Board Chairman Doug Wright

Welcome and Introduction

Chairman Reckhow called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chairman Reckhow introduced Area Mental Health Board members.

Mr. Wright gave his opening remarks.

Local Business Plan Creating Mental Health, Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse Reform in Durham

Jack Ramsey, Adult Services Unit Director, presented an overview of the proposed Local Business Plan. He highlighted the following areas:

- LBP Project Mission
- Project Values
- Area Program
- Key Concept

- Functional Structure of Local Management Entity (LME)
- Section I—Planning
- Section II—Governance, Management, and Administration
- Section III—Qualified Provider Network Development
- Section IV—Service Management
- Section V—Access to Care
- Section VI & VII—Monitoring and Evaluation
- Section VIII—Financial Management
- Section IX—Information Management
- Section X—Collaboration
- Executive Summary
- Questions and Discussion

Following Mr. Ramsey's presentation, he introduced panel members to answer questions and take part in the discussion. The panel members follow:

Doug Wright, Chairman, Area Mental Health Board
Nancy Bryant, Area Mental Health Board member
Betsy McMichael, Chair, Consumer and Family Advisory Committee
Tony Mulvihill, Director, Alcohol/Drug Council of NC

Chairman Reckhow announced that two citizens had signed to speak on this item. The joint boards agreed to hear the citizens speak first.

Chairman Reckhow called for the citizens to come forward.

Emily A. May-Clark, 1808 Bivins Street, Durham, NC 27707, a client of The Durham Center, asked questions about how the Adult Services Department would change. She stressed the need for more doctors, discussed staff burnout and increased clientele, and stated her argument against contracted services.

Mr. Ramsey and Ms. McMichael responded to the questions. They told Ms. May-Clark that at this point, no official plan has been approved by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Richard W. Miller, 513 Greenwood Drive, Durham, 27704, client of The Durham Center, said he is very pleased with the services at the Center. I am concerned about the services received by clients with inadequate insurance. I am concerned that this proposed plan is more structure-oriented rather than service-oriented. Other clients have similar concerns.

Mr. Ramsey responded to Mr. Miller's remarks.

Chairman Reckhow referred the item back to the Commissioners for questions and comments.

Panel members responded to Commissioner questions and comments.

In response to a concern voiced by Mr. Mulvihill, Chairman Reckhow said that the Board of County Commissioners has never cut substance abuse services.

Mr. Ramsey asked County Attorney Kitchen if voting on the plan is scheduled for today's meeting.

County Manager Ruffin communicated that the plan must be submitted to the state by April 1, 2003; we have a week to make a decision. If the Board has no major concerns with today's proposal, we can vote today and submit the plan to the state. If there are concerns or questions for the group to work through, we can do that, too.

Chairman Reckhow reiterated that providing there are no concerns with the plan, it would be appropriate to approve this Local Business Plan for submittal to the state with the understanding that it is a work in progress; there will be further expansions and enhancements.

Attorney Kitchen said that a motion to approve the plan is required before sending it to the state. The plan can be amended in the future and submitted to the Raleigh office.

Commissioner Jacobs moved, seconded by Commissioner Heron, to approve the Local Business Plan Creating Mental Health, Developmental Disability, and Substance Abuse Reform in Durham County. Send the plan to the state with the understanding that this is work in progress with progress updates to be sent to DHHS until a final plan is submitted in April 2004.

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Reckhow thanked The Durham Center employees for their hard work.

Chairman Wright thanked the Commissioners for approving the plan. He also thanked the 150 citizens who were involved in the process. The citizens of Durham must be commended for the time and effort put into this project.

Note: After the joint meeting with the Area Mental Health Board, the County Commissioners heard a presentation on the proposed CIP for the Museum of Life and Science.

Museum of Life and Science-Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Chairman Reckhow recognized Dr. Thomas H. Krakauer, President and Chief Executive Officer, NC Museum of Life and Science, to make his presentation on the FY 2004-2013 CIP request.

Dr. Krakauer began his presentation by telling the Commissioners that Mr. James Sansom (Chairman of the Museum Board of Directors), the management team, and the architects were present to answer any questions that may arise about the CIP request.

Dr. Krakauer explained and discussed BioQuest Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects. Details of the projects were reviewed.

Dr. Krakauer reviewed the CIP budget request necessary to complete the projects. He used various slides to explain budget requirements. Cost containment helped reduce the cost of BioQuest Phase 2 from \$7.3 million to \$4.17 million. We have the cost of the project under control. The increased cost of BioQuest Phase 2 from \$4.17 million to \$4.51 million is due to the timing of the bond issue.

After the presentation, Dr. Krakauer asked for questions and comments. He and the museum management team responded to the questions.

Chairman Reckhow said that the museum board has asked for a funding increase from Durham County to build the Dinosaur Trail which will cost approximately \$1,350,000. She and Dr. Krakauer had a conversation about the possibility of dividing the cost of the trail between Durham County and private sources. The County's share would be \$675,000.

Chairman Reckhow said that the County Manager's budget includes \$4.51 million for BioQuest Phase 2 to be raised by a Durham educational bond issue. If the \$675,000 were added to the bond amount, the total bond issue would be \$5,185,000 for the museum. Dividing of the cost of the Dinosaur Trail is the issue that the Board will have to address.

Vice-Chairman Bowser asked the museum administration and board of directors to look at the use of vouchers for Durham County citizen admission to the museum. He said that admission fees should be reduced since this is the time of year that school children take field trips.

Dr. Krakauer said the administration would look into the admission fee structure.

Chairman Reckhow concurred that a reduced fee schedule should be considered for Durham County citizens.

Commissioner Cousin stated his hope that all the Commissioners can work together to make the dreams of the museum a reality. It is a major attraction and brings visitors to Durham. I want to see the museum expanded upon and completed.

Chairman Reckhow thanked Dr. Krakauer for his presentation. The Commissioners would attempt to help with the construction cost of the Dinosaur Trail in the amount of \$675,000 through the bond issue.

Closed Session

Commissioner Heron moved, seconded by Commissioner Bowser, to adjourn to closed session to give directions to staff concerning the price and other material terms of a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property, and to hear a report concerning the investigation of alleged criminal misconduct pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) & (7).

The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Reckhow adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry E. Umstead, CMC
Clerk to the Board