

**KENTUCKY COMMISSION  
ON  
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION  
AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**December 5, 2006  
Fair Oaks, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, Kentucky**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Secretary Mark Birdwhistell, Chair  
Herman Terry Leigh  
Gayle Rees  
Carol Estes for Ralph Clark  
Commissioner Jennings  
Glenna Taylor  
Pat Seybold  
Gwynn Royster

Senator Julie Denton  
Representative Jimmie Lee  
Marsha Vanhook  
Louise Underwood  
Harold Kleinert  
Roland Mullins  
William Shaw  
Karen Gardner

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Tom Buford  
Commissioner John Burt  
Patricia Dissell  
Representative Steve Nunn

Malkanthie McCormick  
Dan Baker  
Cathy Edwards  
Roy Shirley

**OPENING REMARKS**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Mark Birdwhistell.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gayle Rees to accept the minutes as submitted and seconded by Louise Underwood. The motion passed.

**OAKWOOD TASK FORCE UPDATE**

Oakwood Task Force Update was provided by Dr. Foster and Joe Toy of Bluegrass MH/MR Board.

Dr. Foster announced by the end of the December, the Oakwood Task Force would end.

Joy Toy reported Bluegrass officially began managing Oakwood on November 1, 2006. Bluegrass retained most employees. Presently, Bluegrass is in the process of hiring new staff and plans to hire a new Director for Oakwood in the near future.

Bluegrass announced several positive changes they have made including updating the data system, instituting rapid improvement teams, clearly identifying supervisor responsibilities, providing teleconference equipment in each of the residences and implementing the strategic action plan. Joe Toy emphasized zero tolerance of any type of abuse and Bluegrass Regional Staff's visibility at Oakwood.

The Department of Justice will continue to monitor court ordered monthly reports and will conduct on site monitoring visits at Oakwood.

### **DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Secretary Birdwhistell announced Deborah Anderson as the Acting Commissioner for the new Department of Aging and Independent Living.

Formal announcements are scheduled regarding the new department later this month.

### **MEDICAID UPDATE**

Commissioner Jennings reported on Optimum Choices and Consumer Directed Option.

Department of Medicaid Services continues to make changes to Optimum Choices.

Consumer Directed Option (CDO) started September 29, 2006 with Home and Community Based Waiver. Department of Aging and Independent Living will implement CDO. Trainings on CDO will also be conducted by the Department.

The statewide network of Area Agencies on Aging will provide the Support Broker function. The Area Development Districts will serve as the financial intermediaries.

A technical advisory group will be formed to streamline the CDO process.

### **DMR UPDATES**

Betsy Dunnigan reported on SCL Allocation and Crisis Stabilization Funding (See Attachments). She also presented highlights of the HB 144 Commission Annual Report (See Attachment).

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **SJR85: Aging Caregivers**

This report was given by Roland Mullins, chair of the subcommittee. The subcommittee did not meet this quarter. The Aging Caregivers Subcommittee has merged with the Single Point of Entry Subcommittee to the Long Term Living Initiative.

### **Quality and Best Practices**

This report was given by Karen Gardner, chair of the subcommittee. During the November meeting, the following was addressed:

- Oakwood Transitions
- Strengths and needs from the provider's perspective
- Efforts to expand existing educational community programs (Supported Employment/Self Employment)
- CDO Update

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A parent advocated for additional services for children.

A comment was made regarding funding for the Deficit Reduction Act

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting date is **March 21, 2007** from **1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**  
100 Fair Oaks, Frankfort

The meeting was adjourned.