

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 9, 1998

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building. This was a joint meeting with Transylvania County Board of Commissioners to discuss Mental Health Issues.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, and Budget Analyst Selena Coffey.

Also present (from Transylvania County) were: Chairman Bob Massengill, Commissioner Bill Wallace, Commissioner Trudi Walend, Commissioner Mike Hawkins, and County Manager Artie Wilson.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear a presentation from Martha Knisley and Timothy Tomlinson of Technical Assistance Collaborative, Inc. on the management options to provide mental health services to the two counties (Henderson and Transylvania).

Six options were presented as follows:

1. Trend program remain intact
2. Split into single county programs
3. Split and create single county human services agencies
4. Split and ask the local hospitals to manage a single county program
5. Affiliate with the Blue Ridge Area program
6. Affiliate with Rutherford-Polk Area program

The report stated several guiding principles such as that no services would be diminished, that the management and services delivery would be done in the most efficient and effective manner and that the program be prepared for managed care. Findings in the report included the areas of administrative/management structure, services, personnel, contracting, information systems and financial picture and audit.

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The options of the continuation of Trend and the affiliation with Blue Ridge Area Program appear to be the best at this time. This was based on the assets of the current two county program and the need to lower the cost of contracting services. The Boards considered either a formal merger or strong alliance with the Blue Ridge program.

The Boards agreed to continue the discussions of improving mental health services in the counties. The Henderson County Board of Commissioners stated that they would consider these alternatives at the June 17, 1998 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Robert D. Eklund, Chairman

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