

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM BOARD**

Division of Behavioral Health Services  
Arkansas State Hospital  
305 South Palm  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Members Present: Micheal Burden, Chairman  
Mark Tripp, Vice Chairman  
Stephen Foti  
Clara Ferron

DHHS Staff Present: Steven Jones, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services  
Breck Hopkins, Chief Counsel, DHS Office of Chief Counsel  
Rich Rosen, Attorney, DHS Office of Chief Counsel  
Ron Angel, Director, Division of Youth Services  
Doyle Young, Division of Youth Services  
Charles Smith, Division of Behavioral Health Services  
Ed Hood, Division of Behavioral Health Services  
May Atkins, Division of Behavioral Health Services  
Joyce Dees, Governor's Office  
Liz Ganahl, Admin Asst, Division of Youth Services

Chairman Mr. Micheal Burden called the meeting to order at 1:50 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2008 MEETING**

**Mr. Stephen Foti made a motion for the minutes of the January 10, 2008 meeting to be approved as distributed. Ms. Clara Ferron seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

**DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT**

The Division of Behavioral Health Services Quarterly report had been previously distributed and is attached to the meeting minutes.

Mr. Charles Smith, Arkansas State Hospital (ASH), Division of Behavioral Health Services, (DBHS) presented the report.

Arkansas State Hospital

Maintenance Report:

Ms. May Atkins presented a report on the mold maintenance issue. Ms. Atkins said \$250,000.00 was spent on the Forensic Service Unit to remove mold. At the time the Health Department expert suggested the HVAC system be replaced but there was no money for that. Ms. Atkins said because of the cost, the UV lights were replaced in every other room. Ms. Atkins said the rooms with the new UV lights have significant less mold than the other rooms. Ms. Atkins stated the cost of the suggested new HVAC system would cost \$800,000.00 and it was put in the biennial budget request but did not know if it will be approved. Ms. Atkins said meanwhile the Health Department suggested putting the UV lights in the other rooms along with the larger areas, to help with the mold problems. Ms. Atkins said she is working on a cost estimate for this. Ms. Atkins said the Health Department expert also suggested the light bulbs in the UV lights be replaced every year at a cost of \$728.00 per bulb. Ms. Atkins felt if we continue to replace the lights, the cost would soon equal a new HVAC system. Ms. Atkins said they are also cleaning other areas and using a new mold resistant paint that had recently come out. Ms. Atkins said the problem is that there is a stream running under the building with water seeping up and she was told a new HVAC system would take care it. Mr. Charles Smith said he was given approval to replace the UV bulbs and replace the other lights to UV lights. Mr. Burden asked what type of AC system the building currently had and was told it was a 1965 system with chillers.

Mr. Burden continued and asked where the mold was the worst and was told in the bathroom and bedroom areas; the bathrooms because of the moisture and the bedrooms near the windows again because of the moisture. Ms. Atkins said they were also looking into a dehumidifier for the building because the old AC system does not have it built into the system. Mr. Burden asked if the replacement HVAC system has been put in the budget. Ms. Atkins assured it was but doesn't know at which level the expense had been deleted. Mr. Burden asked if the facility was demanded to be shut down, what would happen to the patients. Mr. Smith said they would have to accommodate the forensic unit but not admit traumatic or acute care patients.

Mr. Stephen Foti said as long as a new AC unit has been requested and put in the proposed budget for 2009, all the SIS Board can do is to go on record as supporting the request.

Mr. Smith said he had some good news. Mr. Smith found out just last week the Joint Commission citation concerning the smoke dampeners in the duct work that DBHS was written up on in 2003, should never have happened. Mr. Smith said he was going to take that citation off his problem list.

Mr. Smith said they are still working on the roof problems and the estimate to fix them will be added to their biennial budget requests.

New Hospital Report:

Mr. Smith continued with the DBHS report stating the hospital is complete and they have moved in. The Central Energy plant is complete and is working fine. The elevator tower that connects

the new hospital with the forensic units has been completed. Mr. Smith said they are working out all the bugs in the new hospital building and the contractors are fixing the problems.

### Arkansas Health Center

#### New Business

Mr. Ed Hood reported on the Arkansas Health Center (AHC). Mr. Hood said in the last legislative session, AHC was granted permission through "Special Language" to retain any funds gained from the sale of timber on the property to use for facility improvements. Mr. Hood said they have been working with the Forestry Commission for over a year to come up with a plan to better manage the 460+ acres of property and the existing timber on the campus. Mr. Hood stated the handout packet was the plan. Mr. Hood continued to discuss the plan and said AHC submitted and received an Urban Forestry Grant of \$3,050 for expenditures related to timber management on the main campus around the buildings and water treatment plant. Mr. Hood said as part of this project they hope to plant trees on additional pasture land and fallow areas. Mr. Hood said currently the land is leased to a farmer to grow hay but the land will be much more valuable in timber in the years to come. Mr. Burden questioned the length of the lease and wanted to know why the SIS Board was not aware of this three (3) year lease. Mr. Burden stated the lease approval was not brought to the Board. Mr. Rich Rosen said he also was not aware of the lease and recommended in the future all leases be brought before the Board. Mr. Hood said he would supply the Board with copies of the other leases.

#### **Mr. Stephen Foti made a motion to approve the AHC Forest Management Project. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

Mr. Hood continued the DBHS report and discussed the water damage to several buildings due to aging roofs. The four (4) buildings identified as needing immediate repair were Building 7- Administration, Building 10-Dining Hall/Bakery, Building 16-Communications/Post Office, and Building 18- Maintenance/Staff Development. The total for all repairs is \$325,003. The final drawings will be reviewed with the architect on June 25, 2008 and will be turned over to the Arkansas Building Authority to complete the bid process. Materials have been ordered to repair the roof to the outdoor pavilion and will be repaired in July.

Mr. Hood stated the 12 inch sewer main for the majority of the campus ruptured on June 19, 2008. The sewer flow will have to be rerouted. A lift pump will likely have to be installed due to elevation. The total cost of the repair is unknown at this time.

#### Old Business

Mr. Rich Rosen gave an update on the Arkansas Service Center in Jonesboro and stated no decisions have been made and the contracted provider wants to keep their options open to see what the cost will be. Mr. Foti agreed that this was a discussion for another time as to what will happen to that facility. Mr. Foti asked what is the baseline of that property and what its worth? Mr. Burden reminded everyone the property belongs to ASU and DHS just leases it. Mr. Rosen said the owners have agreed to seek appraisal of the property.

### DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) report had been previously distributed to the Board and is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Doyle Young, Division of Youth Services, presented the report.

Mr. Young gave an update on the Mansfield Fire Safety project stating the project is running behind schedule by nearly 30 days. Bid advertisement is expected in early July. Mr. Young said there are indications the bid price may be more than available funding and might have to cut back on some of the work.

Mr. Young continued stating the Colt Juvenile Treatment Facility walkways have been replaced with concrete. Mr. Young said the old wooden walkways required constant maintenance and were a harboring place for snakes and other wildlife.

Mr. Young said Consolidated Youth Services, Inc, the operator of two (2) facilities in Colt and Harrisburg have proposed to lease and place a temporary (pre-manufactured) educational classroom at each facility. These buildings should not be used for more than 48 months. Mr. Young said DHS has put in their biennial budget for capital improvement funding to revamp the educational spaces including building new classrooms. Mr. Young said with the sessions coming up in January, DHS hopes to get funding for some of these projects.

Mr. Young continued with his report concerning the water intrusion at the Dermott Juvenile Correction Facility. Mr. Young said after adding gutters to the building the water seepage has decreased.

Mr. Young stated the generator move at the Alexander Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center was not worth it. The generator needed is going to cost \$30,000 - \$50,000. Mr. Young said when it is decided to buy a new generator; DHS will have to come to the Board for approval because it will cost more than \$20,000.

Mr. Young said after installing some gutters, the water intrusion problem seems to be fixed.

### New Business

Mr. Rich Rosen reviewed the G4S property lease and stated it was to lease the facility/property. Mr. Rosen said the operational contract is a different lease but it is tied to the facility/property lease. Mr. Rosen stated the facility lease is a six (6) year lease but DHS can terminate the lease with a thirty (30) day notice. Mr. Rosen stated he felt very comfortable with the lease.

Mr. Ron Angel assured the Board the Assistant Director of Residential goes out to this facility almost daily and if the facility was going down, he would force the contractor to correct the problem or DHS would have to take appropriate action. Mr. Angel said the facility is monitored very closely concerning the health and welfare of the juveniles.

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**Mr. Stephen Foti made a motion for the SIS Board to approve the DYS and G4S Lease. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2008, 1:30 pm, at the DBHS Administration Building Conference Room, 4800 W. 7th, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Mr. Stephen Foti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Clara Ferron seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2.55pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Carlton Jones, Secretary