

Bryce Hospital Project Status Report

Month of November, 2010

Following the groundbreaking in October, November began intense work by ADMH, UA and Sherlock, Smith and Adams Architectural Firm in developing the design for the new hospital. The following is a summary of major accomplishments for November, 2010.

Installment Payments and Funding

Again there was little activity for the month of November in the Bryce Fund Account. Interest in the amount of \$1,069.00 was received in November with no disbursements reported. Ending balance as of November 30, 2010 was \$5,427,517.00.

The ADMH Chief Financial Officer reported that plans were underway to transfer the remaining \$5,420,000 to the Mental Illness Division for the transition and development of community services for Bryce consumers. Likewise, it was reported that an additional \$7,184,467.00 will be transferred from the ADMH Capital Account for IT infrastructure and furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the new hospital. These transfers will be reflected in the December Status Report. Additional installment payments for land purchase and new hospital construction, between UA and ADMH, will be made in accordance with agreed upon payment schedules.

Construction and Operations

In November, ADMH and UA Officials continued their work with the architectural firm, Sherlock, Smith and Adams of Montgomery. An agreement with ALDOT was also negotiated in November for expenses related to the construction of roads for the new hospital. As reported in the previous month, this agreement is the follow up of the Governor's work with ALDOT to help offset construction costs related to the new hospital. As a result, a new Memorandum of Understanding was entered into between ADMH and UA to reflect ALDOT's participation and the hospital's revised budget of \$81,043,302, which includes all new equipment, furniture and fixtures.

Architectural presentations with ADMH Officials, staff and other stakeholders were also planned for November and December to provide an overview of the design concept and solicit input from participants.

Consumer Transitioning

Seven Bryce consumers were transitioned into community residential settings for the month of November, with one consumer returning to the hospital. This yields a year to date total of 74 net placements into Region II. An additional eight consumers were placed out of the Region II catchment area. In addition, JBS purchased a MOM facility in November to come on line in February. This new home will serve an estimated 20 consumers.

Both admissions and discharges were reported to be down in November compared to October. There were 41 admissions in November compared to 54 in October. Likewise, there were 45 discharges reported for November compared to 50 in October. The average daily census was slightly higher for November compared to October, due to discharges occurring towards the end of the month. Discharges for Jefferson County were reported to be 26 the same as last month, while discharges from Indian Rivers decreased by 7. In response to Consultant's recommendations, the ADMH Commissioner appointed a task force to study the NGRI population, admission and discharge trends and subsequent bed closures in order to realize the projected new hospital census of 268 beds

Other activity reported by the Region 2 Planning Council included the Peer Bridger Team completing 11 consumer satisfaction surveys in November. Results from consumer satisfaction surveys were again positive with 100% of the consumers reporting their new placement 'felt safe' and 82% stating their new placement 'felt like a home'.

The ADMH Internal Advocacy Office and ADAP staffs made 10 visits in November to former Bryce consumers in their new community settings. No major problems were reported for the month. The Region II Board of Supervisors approved employing a special team to follow persons placed in boarding homes in Jefferson County in response to previous concerns reported by Advocacy.

In summary, progress continues to be made in accordance with the Bryce Project Plans. The ADMH is moving forward towards its goal of 95-100 discharges with a net of 82 discharges into Region II and 8 discharges out of the area being reported to date. A final budget for construction of the new hospital has been agreed upon, which will avail new furnishings for both staff and consumer areas. Likewise, developments of new residential resources in Region II continue as planned.

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