

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. §122C-118.1 grants Boards of County Commissioners who participate in multi-county area mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse authorities the option to appoint members of the Area Authority Board in a manner other than that prescribed by N.C.G.S. §122C-118.1 by adopting a resolution to that effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boards of Commissioners of Orange County, Person County and Chatham County have historically appointed the members of the Area Authority Board of Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority in a manner other than that prescribed by N.C.G.S. §122C-118.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boards of Commissioners of Orange County, Person County and Chatham County each desire to continue to appoint the members of the Area Authority Board of Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority in the same manner as they have historically;


**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County by adopting this resolution hereby establishes the manner in which the members of the Area Authority Board of Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority shall be appointed as follows:

- Each Board of County Commissioners within the catchment area shall appoint one commissioner as a member of the Area Authority Board.
- In addition, Orange County shall appoint one Commissioner and four citizen members; Person County shall appoint one Commissioner and four citizen members; and Chatham County shall appoint one Commissioner and four citizen members. Three at-large seats are available, and their appointment is to be shared among the counties, with one seat reserved for a Consumer and Family Advocacy committee member.
- The County Commissioners authorized to make appointments to the Area Authority Board shall appoint new members to the Board to fill vacancies occurring on the Area Authority Board prior to the expiration of an appointed term of office. Such appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of office.


- Appointments to the Area Authority Board shall be made by the requisite Board of County Commissioners before the end of the term of the vacated seat or within 90 days of the vacancy, whichever occurs first.
- Appointments shall take into account sufficient citizen participation, representation of disability groups and equitable representation of participating counties.
- The Area Authority Board shall consist of no fewer than 11 and no more than 25 members. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the members of the Area Authority Board shall represent the following:
  - (1) A physician licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to practice medicine in North Carolina who, when possible, is certified as having completed a residency in psychiatry.
  - (2) A clinical professional from the fields of mental health, developmental disabilities, or substance abuse.
  - (3) At least one family member or individual from a citizens' organization composed primarily of consumers or their family members, representing the interests of individuals:
    - a. With mental illness;
    - b. In recovery from addiction; or
    - c. With developmental disabilities.
  - (4) At least one openly declared consumer:
    - a. With mental illness;
    - b. With developmental disabilities; or
    - c. In recovery from addiction.
  - (5) At least one member of CFAC.
  - (6) Two individuals with financial expertise.
  - (7) An individual with expertise in management or business.
  - (8) An individual representing the interest of children.
- The Boards of County Commissioners may elect to appoint a member of the Area Authority Board to fill concurrently no more than two categories of membership if the member has the qualifications or attributes of the two categories of membership.
- The terms of County Commissioners on the Area Authority Board are concurrent with their terms as County Commissioners. The terms of the other members on the Board shall be for three years.
- Members shall not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms.
- All Area Authority Board members shall be residents of either Orange, Person, or Chatham Counties. If any Area Authority Board member moves legal residence from the member's appointing county, membership shall be automatically terminated.

- No member of the Area Authority Board may be a close relative [as defined by State law] of any staff members of the Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority.
- No employee, consultant or person otherwise employed by Orange-Person-Chatham Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority shall be eligible for Area Authority Board membership.
- No individual that contracts with the Orange-Person-Chatham Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Authority for the delivery of mental health, developmental disabilities and/or substance abuse services may serve on the Area Board for the period during which the contract for services is in effect.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

  
George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board  
Chatham County Board of Commissioners