

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2008**

Members Present: T. Ackley, Ballingall, Berridge, K. Miller, Ostrander, Snyder, Thompson, R. Wilson

Absent: J. Ackley, Beckey (ex), M. Wilson (ex), Rauth,

Staff present: Myers, Smith, Szewczuk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair-elect R. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Introductions: None.

Public comment: None

Previous Minutes: MOTION by Snyder to accept the December minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Ballingall. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda: NAMI

Lenawee:

Family to Family: No report. Pam Johnson will be invited to attend the next meeting.

Executive Director Report:

- The new health clinic is on target to open in February. They expect to be open three days each week.
- Interviews are being conducted for a replacement Recipient Rights Officer.
- Two revenue estimating conferences are held each year. One just concluded on January 11. It is expected that the General Fund will have a shortfall of about \$52.8 million.
- Watch Senate Bill 241 (P.A. 217/ 2007) Children; child care; certain definitions, licensing, and registration requirements; this may be setting up a system for therapeutic group homes for children.
- Szewczuk presented the document for "Service Delivery Capacity Management Principles and Essential Considerations". Members should review this document from Kathy Reynolds. She is requesting comments and input from consumers. This will be on the agenda next month. Szewczuk will ask Shauna to attend the meeting to help with this discussion.

- Szewczuk reported that the Lenawee Community Collaborative meets the first Friday of each month. The next agenda will be devoted to health care.

Reporting to the Board: R. Wilson

The Board is considering bidding to purchase 3 properties (includes the Club House property)

CAC Subcommittees:

Ballingall asked to be on just the Mental Health Awareness Committee. Ostrander needs to pick a group to participate on.

- **Legislative:** Members include T. Ackley, J. Ackley, K. Miller, Fouch, Snyder, R. Wilson. The next meeting is January 18 and is set for the third Friday of each month, 1:00 PM at the Drop-In Center.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Members include Ross, Beckey, M. Wilson, Snyder and Ballingall. The next meeting is February 11 at 10:00 AM. (Set for the second Monday of each month.)
 - This subcommittee discussed the Ambassador handbook presentations, the monitor for CMH lobby, and mental health awards (Dale Gaertner and Ben Negron). With assistance Snyder will be redoing the Drop-In Center window display.

Liaison:

Final reference checks are being done on the candidates for the Customer Service contract position.

Affiliation:

RCAC:

- The Service Delivery report from Kathy Reynolds on values was discussed at the RCAC meeting. Note that the values are not listed in any particular order.
- There is discussion about the need for future State-trained peer supports who represent the DD population. (parents of DD children and direct consumers). Currently, the focus for training for peer supports is on the MI population.
- Ambassador Handbook training helps CMH consumers with the tools to address stigma issues.
- At the next CAC meeting Szewczuk and R. Wilson will be reviewing the protocol for addressing or clarifying issues before they are discussed at RCAC. (There seemed too have been a misunderstanding about Lenawee hiring peer support specialist.)

Information sharing

- **Interconnections/Drop In Center:** The Center is reorganizing the Center and doing needed repairs. The Depression Support Group is now meeting there each Thursday, with M. Wilson facilitating it.

- **Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:** In December a first anniversary celebration/team building event was held. Subcommittees will continue to address the goals. This past weekend there was a training for a Victim's Services Unit. This will lead to the establishment of a group of volunteers that will respond with the police to unexpected deaths. They will help the survivors with some of their immediate needs.
- **NAMI:** Ballingall will be meeting with John Murray from the L.I.S.D. about possibly joining efforts with the L.I.S.D.'s support group for parents of children with special needs, and NAMI's Parents of Mentally Ill Children Support Group. She also hopes to meet with Ben Negrón about a support group for the Hispanic population and Eloise Hoskens, Director of Associated Charities, Am Vets Commander and NAACP representative about other possible support groups. The group also suggested contacting Warren Vasser, who is an excellent resource for veterans.

MOTION by Snyder to add NAMI as a regular report on the CAC agenda. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Continuum of Care:**
 - Road Map to Graduation, mentoring homes for unaccompanied youth is successful so far with two homes.
 - Legacy Housing is waiting for property approval.
 - The Continuum's goals to end homelessness are being addressed.
 - Watch each *Sunday's Daily Telegram, Lifestyle* section for details about various local resources.
 - Stating today H.A.R.P. vouchers are being offered through Family Counseling and Children's Services. (Basically, an express Section 8 voucher.)
 - A suggestion was made to invite Kristine Henson-Jones or Sharon Hudson to the CAC in March to discuss the Continuum of Care.
- **RICC:** no report
- **Spotlight on Hope:** There was a Christmas party and wreath making session.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - The Basic Needs Task Force is helping the Presbyterian Church community in accepting applications for home repairs for this next June. 100 homes needing repair are needed for the Group Workcamps. CMH Customer Service can be contacted for an application. Both labor and materials may be provided at no cost to qualifying households. Deadline for applications is March 15.

- Family to Family: Snyder will contact Pam Johnson to attend a meeting again. Their next meeting is January 16 at D.H.S. Snyder provided a written statement about Family to Family.
- Ostrander is welcomed to the CAC as a member.

Reporting to the Board: Ballingall - January.

MOTION by Ballingall to adjourn at 10:28 am SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

(third Tuesday each month)

9:30 AM

CMH

AGENDA:

- Discussion/comments requested on the "Service Delivery Capacity Management Principles and Essential Considerations: Shauna is invited to this meeting.
- Topic protocol for CAC and RCAC.