

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2007**

Members Present: T. Ackley, J. Ackley, Beckey, Berridge, Miller, Rauth, Snyder, Thompson, R. Wilson, M. Wilson

Absent: Ballingall

Staff present: Myers, Smith, Ross

Guests/public: two

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson R. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Introductions: Were made.

Public comment: None

Previous Minutes: MOTION by Snyder to accept the September minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda

RICC update
A monitor for the lobby.

Executive Director Report: The State budget crisis is still being worked on. There is no guarantee that further cuts will not affect us. Everyone is encouraged to contact their State representatives (or local) about concerns.

Handouts were provided. (Public Comment request)

Membership

Bennett withdrew her application. A new letter of interest was received from Hooker. The group discussed the two applications (Hooker and Ostrander) MOTION by Miller to keep the posting for one more month before voting on a replacement. SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION CARRIED. (2 persons opposed the motion, 1 abstained.)

RCAC membership: MOTION by Thompson to move Snyder from the alternate position to a regular position. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by M. Wilson to elect Beckey to the alternate RCAC position. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED.

Subcommittees:

There was a discussion about the roles and lines of communications between CAC and the subcommittees. Ideas need to flow through CAC to the subcommittees, or from them back to CAC. Actions should not take place solely between the two subcommittees without the knowledge of the CAC group. The individual roles of each group has not changed. If the Legislative Committee wants to hold an event, the Mental Health Awareness Committee will be charged with sharing the responsibility by CAC. Rauth and Miller need to participate on one of the committees. They should each attend the meetings to determine the best fit for themselves.

- **Legislative:** The group would like to host a townhall meeting with up to ten speakers telling impact stories about their recovery. The focus of this meeting will be to thank our Commissioner, local businesses, and other officials. The desire is for an early evening event with light refreshments. (Simple with minimal expense.) The Legislative committee would arrange the speakers, and the Mental Health Awareness Committee would arrange the food and services. MOTION by J. Ackley to support this idea for the committees to continue to work on. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Mental Health Awareness Committee** Beckey and Snyder are co-chairs. They will plan activities such as: speaking engagements, parties, decorating the Drop-In Center window 4 times each year and work with NAMI on shared activities. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. There are about 13-14 members.

Information Sharing:

Interconnections/Drop In Center: M. Wilson There is an opening for a member at-large for the Board. The group continues to enjoy working on puzzles.

Continuum of Care: Snyder

The focus at the moment is on homeless youth. Thanksgiving dinner is being planned for the homeless in the community.

The Story Sharers are going through a session of Speechcraft.

Liaison:

- A "Hobby Club" is being organized to meet twice each month starting in November. Members will work on and help each other with craft type projects.
- Previously CAC requested a bulletin board for CMH lobby to announce such things as events and position openings. This suggestion was taken to the Board for approval. At about the same time Ross made another suggestion to install a TV or computer type monitor for communicating events, websites, stories, PSA's, and other announcements. A separate committee will be in charge of handling the details. Today's discussion was about the monitor concept being a better method of communication than the request from CAC for a bulletin board. MOTION by M. Wilson to withdraw the request to install a bulletin board until at least the point the monitor concept is accepted and is effective.

SUPPORTED by Rauth. MOTION CARRIED. The Facilities Committee of the Board will review Ross's suggestion for implementation.

RICC: (Regional Interagency Consumer Committee on Developmental Disabilities) Burt Fenby spoke to a group about the plans to open a new clinic in the county. Plans are moving along well at this time.

RCAC:

1. Kathy spoke to the peer supports specialist about them taking a Pathways training.
2. No director's report
3. Reports will follow about recently taken surveys (PI and others)
4. The idea of soliciting high school and college students to share their mental health stories with adjacent counties was discussed. (cross county sharing) Local ideas about how this may work are requested from each county. Please consider how this might work and be prepared to discuss this topic and offer suggestions next month.

Sharing Hope Talent Show: Only one person attended the auditions. No further auditions will take place. M. Wilson will contact that one person for her participation.

Conferences/Trainings etc:

- Sharing Hope: October 25

Miscellaneous/Additional information sharing

A letter regarding a membership fee at the Hope Center was provided. There has been some confusion about this expense. Scholarships will be available to those that cannot afford the fee.

Reporting to the Board:

October: T. and J. Ackley
November: Thompson
December or January: M. Wilson

MOTION by M. Wilson to adjourn at 10:48 am SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 20 9:30 AM CMH
Agenda;
 Membership
 RICC
 Mental Health Awareness
 Spotlight on Hope