

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2007**

Members Present: Ballingall, Beckey, K. Miller, Snyder, R. Wilson, M. Wilson

Absent: T. Ackley, J. Ackley, Berridge, Rauth, Thompson

Staff present: Smith, Szewczuk

CALL TO ORDER

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

Introductions: None

To answer questions about a quorum the Operating Guidelines reads: "The committee may conduct a meeting with any number of members present. Matters requiring voting may be conducted regardless of the number of members present. All matters requiring a vote may be passed with a simple majority of those present and voting. Members must be in attendance to vote."

Public comment: None

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

Additions to the agenda
Holiday celebration

Executive Director Report: none

Reporting to the Board:

- The installation of a monitor for the lobby is moving forward.
- CMH has agreed to operate the Club House for one year. Myers is to explore the possibility of renting to own the building. The owner wants to sell three properties together. (The other two are AFC homes.)

Membership

A letter was received from Scheich to rejoin CAC. The Operating Guidelines reads: "After a minimum of one year of non-service on the committee, a person may reapply to serve another term." She has not been off the committee for one year, so is not eligible to apply at this time.

MOTION by M. Wilson to move forward and vote to elect either B. Hooker or J. Ostrander for the CAC at-large position. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED. (one person opposed)

A ballot vote was taken (two persons abstained from voting-opposed and a conflict of interest.) Ostrander was elected. This will now go to the Board for approval.

R. Wilson will notify Schiech, Hooker and Ostrander.

Subcommittees: Legislative and Mental Health Awareness

There are questions about the objectives of each of the two committees and the focus of the event that is being planned. Is the focus to thank or to share recovery stories? Minutes with specifics were not available for review and questions about attendance arose. Issues previously identified to focus on were transportation, employment and housing.

Roles/objectives of CAC and subcommittees have previously been defined, and will be reviewed again.

The Legislative Committee should be focused on awareness issues that may affect legislative policy. How to affect our representatives voting power. How to affect change.

MOTION by Ballingall to invite all subcommittee members to the next CAC meeting to discuss the focus of the event, make other decisions about it and review the individual committees' objectives. SUPPORTED by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

All CAC members are on either of the committees along with non-CAC members.

Information Sharing:

Liaison:

- Ross continues to establish a Hobby group.
- Staffing: The positions for a CMH supports coordinator, a New Focus position (Bachelor level social worker) and a Customer Service Assistant for CMH all have been posted but not filled.
(Customer Service Assistant: peer support specialist certification is not a requirement. The person needs to be actively involved in the community. The job responsibilities will include community involvement, assisting customer service and helping consumers with Medicaid, Medicare and other benefits.)

Interconnections/Drop In Center:

- This next week will be a transition week for New Focus with the change in management. The facility will be closed, but the Drop In Center will be open M-F 11:00 AM-5:00 PM to provide a place for consumers to go. Lunch will be provided daily with donations from Meijer, New Focus, Ross, and the Drop In Center. M. Wilson may also help arrange for transportation tokens if necessary.
- A holiday dinner is being planned. Date TBA. Everyone is welcome to eat.

Continuum of Care: Snyder

- Over 200 persons attended the conference November 8.
- There is now a focus on unaccompanied youth.
- 15 vouchers might be available with HARP.
- With the use of HMIS, a data system, it may be possible to get a better count on the homeless. (Babies are not being counted at this time.)
- Under 1 Roof: There are discussions about such organizations as the YMCA, ProMedica services and other organizations offering complimentary services in one building.
- One Lenawee: This is a process about how “a success for one area in the County is a success for all of Lenawee. The Lenawee Chamber of Economic Development is directing this process to build on the County’s strengths, retain and attract new jobs and enhance tourism” (taken from a Chamber campaign 2008 flyer.)
- TBRA for homeless families and children (Tenant Based Rental Assistance): LEAHC is accepting applications November 27 (only day) (emailed to all 11/21) Contact LEAHC or FCCS for details.

RICC: None

Spotlight on Hope: none

Note: M. Wilson will be talking to Hanna about the membership fee for one consumer.

RCAC:

- The group has met. CJ attended R. Wilson’s PCP and he felt it was his best ever.
- Local PCP training with consumer involvement for staff has been discussed.
- More consumer involvement at all levels is desired.
- Leslie is providing 7 sessions of 1 ½ hour each of “Don’t Call Me Nuts”. She is willing to help set that up in Lenawee.
- Snyder was awarded with the 2007 HOPE Award by the Adrian Public Schools at the Continuum of Care Conference for her efforts for helping homeless students and their families obtain normalcy.

Next meeting/holiday celebration: All Legislative and Mental Health Awareness Committee members will be invited to the next meeting. (email sent to CAC members 11/20) This will be a holiday celebration, and a discussion about committee objectives, and focus and details for a desired event. This is a pot-luck, light breakfast/snacks. Arrange with M. Wilson about what you will be bringing. CMH will provide paper products. Non-CAC members need to be invited. (M. Wilson has the list for contacting.)

Conferences/Trainings etc:

- Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition is holding a forum on December 5, evening at SHU. Call CAA for details.
- Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup is holding two more sessions of the Yellow Ribbon Gatekeeper training December 12 and 13 at Dominican Hall. Reservations are made with the L.I.S.D. Contact CMH Customer Service for details.
- There will be a two day (20 hours) training January 12 and 13 for Victims Services at the Human Services Building. Persons will be trained to work along with the police to respond to unexpected deaths or tragedies. A flyer will be provided later.

Miscellaneous/Additional information sharing

- MOTION by Snyder to have suicide prevention activities be a regular agenda item. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.
- Snyder provided her business cards for recruiting assistance with sharing stories about homelessness and other help. One of her events that she is working on is a dinner that will be provided at a local church on Thanksgiving day.
- Debbie Gibson from Washtenaw is requesting opinions and information about adult inpatient psychiatric care. What do you believe would make the ideal, safe, user friendly inpatient facility? She can be contacted at gibsond2@mac.com
- More consumer involvement is desired on committees.
- M. Wilson and Snyder are working on awareness and legislative activities about SSI, SSD, Medicaid and Medicare. RCAC is looking for follow-up.

Reporting to the Board:

November: Thompson (R. Wilson will update him.)
December or January: M. Wilson

MOTION by Snyder to adjourn at 11:13 am SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 18

9:30 AM

CMH

Agenda;

- Joint meeting of the subcommittees to outline each groups' objectives, discuss the focus and other details for a desire event
- Holiday celebration (pot-luck)