

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2009**

Members Present: T. Ackley, Grossman, Holden, Jones, Miller, Miley, Ostrander, Rauth, M. Wilson

Absent: Clites (ex), Janego, Metz

Staff/Board present: Myers, Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Ostrander called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Introductions:

- Introductions: None made.
- Address correction requested.
- Cell phone reminder made.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

Previous minutes: MOTION by Miller to accept the minutes as written. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda: None

Lenawee:

- Report of Board meeting: The Board requested acknowledgements and thank you's for the tee-shirt donations. **MOTION by Miley to write thank you's to Civitan, Adrian Noon Rotary, YMCA and Clites. SUPPORTED by Rauth. MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION by M. Wilson to provide anti-stigma awards to Civitan, Adrian Noon Rotary, YMCA and Clites. SUPPORTED by Holden. MOTION CARRIED.** Schedule presentation for the July 30 Board meeting. Ostrander will write the thank you's and speak to Ross about printing certificates. Most of the members present today are also MHA members, and since there will not be an MHA meeting this month, the above actions were taken now rather than waiting.
- Executive Director Report: Szewczuk
 - Budget: the cuts this FY are fair at about \$12,000. Next FY we should expect a cut of around \$50,000 with additional deeper cuts if the State funds are cut \$12 million to \$18 million. All consumers are requested to write to their State Representatives about how additional cuts cannot be absorbed. Entire programs will need to be cut. There is concern that there will be unmanageable cuts for FY2011. Letters or emails to your State Representatives are critical. Without hearing about what problems are caused by budget cuts, they aren't able to stand up for your needs. Voice your views. A group is gathering for a soup dinner June 18 at 3:00 to 7:00 pm to write letters. Members are expected to invite others. Spread the word.

Most of the time the Legislative Committee seems to be struggling to have meaningful meetings. Myers suggests that the Legislative Committee be reduced to an ad-hoc committee and meet only as needed. He will make extra effort to attend the meetings and provide suggestions on important current issues. (AGENDA).

It is also suggested that CAC move their meetings to the first Tuesday each month. Think about possible benefits/conflicts with this option. This may make reporting flow of meetings easier with Affiliation and other Board meetings. (AGENDA)

Myers recommends that Grossman replace Szewczuk as CAC liaison. He also recommends that Janego continue as staff and McKenzie will be added as staff.

Pat Barrie has been named Director of the WCHO.

o **Membership:**

- o MOTION by Miley to accept the membership appointments Myers made. (above) SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED.
- o No one has applied to fill the DD position currently held by T. Ackley. He wishes to continue on the committee.
- o MOTION by M. Wilson for T. Ackley, Miller and Metz to continue on the committee. SUPPORTED by Rauth. MOTION CARRIED.
- o These recommendations will be taken to the Board for approval.
- o There is concern about Metz's lack of meeting attendance. Members are encouraged to talk to her. According to the Operating Guidelines, when a member has 3 unexcused absences within a one year time frame, the Committee may decide to replace them. This topic can be reviewed next month.
- o Ostrander will temporarily remain as chair until either Metz takes over this responsibility, or a new chair-elect has been named and is ready to assume the responsibility. This change can happen at anytime at the discretion of the Committee.
- o Grossman asked for guidelines regarding her new role as liaison.
- o Assuming all these changes are approved the membership will be:

Position	Fixed Term Dates	Ending		Current membership 10/2008	CAC approx. start date	ACAC 7/2008
MI Adult	2012	2015	2018	Miller	10/07 First full term begins 7/09	
DD	2012	2015	2018	T. Ackley	7/06 (final term)	DD
At Large	2012	2015	2018	Metz (Chair-elect)	7/08 (complete Snyder) Full term begins 2009	
MI Child	2010	2013	2016	M. Wilson	Prior 02 (final term)	MI-C
DD	2010	2013	2016	Rauth	9/07	
MI Adult	2011	2014	2017	Holden	7/08	
MI Child	2011	2014	2017	Ostrander (chair)	7/06-first full term start 7/08	At-large
At Large	2011	2014	2017	Jones	7/08	Alt.
Board	Appointment			Miley	2008	
Board	Appointment			Clites	2008	
Staff	2011	2013	Appt	McKenzie	2009	
Staff	2010	2012	Appt	Janego	8/2008	staff
	Not current CAC member			R. Wilson	From the beginning	MI-Adult
Liaison	Appointment			Grossman	2009	

○ **Liaison:**

- There will be System of Care meetings in July and August.
- Continuum of Care report: The unemployment benefits for a large number of unemployed persons in Lenawee County will be ending soon. (no jobs, no income) Once this happens they will no longer be counted in the unemployment rate.
- A grant is being applied for to help with rental expenses. 414 homeless students were served in FY08-09.
- Grossman would like to re-establish the Story-sharers group. She has spoken to the previous organizer of this group.
- D.H.S. will be starting a new computer system. With the transition, glitches and long delays are expected. Also, to reduce expenses, D.H.S. will be closing on predetermined dates. (employees will be not be paid).
- Reminder to wear your anti-stigma tee-shirts to the Field Day celebration.

○ **CAC Subcommittees:**

- Committee members should be taking notes to better report back to CAC about activities.
- Legislative: No report.
- Mental Health Awareness: Field Day is planned.

Affiliation:

ACAC report: No report.

**Consumer input and concerns/Miscellaneous updates/
information sharing.**

Interconnections/Drop In Center: The Center is cleaning-up, reorganizing and upgrading the facility. The Drop-In Board approved a well thought out plan that starts with actions that did not require expenditures. They have a budget to cover painting, professional repairs/upgrades (electrical and plumbing), carpeting, and eventually furniture.

About 10 persons go to the Center daily.

Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup: No report.

RICC: Ostrander has been chosen as a Co-chair.

Hope Center: July 18, Ride for Hope. The garden is progressing.

Tecumseh churches will be operating a soup kitchen on a limited basis.

Remember the CMH lobby monitor can be used for announcements.

Reporting to the Board: (last Thursday of each month at 3:00 PM.

June: Holden (Contact Smith for a summary.)

July 30: T. Ackley

MOTION by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM.
SUPPORTED by M. Wilson MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: July 21 9:30 AM LCMHA