

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 1, 2009

Members Present: T. Ackley, Holden, Janego, Jones, McKenzie, Miller, Miley

Absent: Clites, Ostrander (ex), Rauth (ex), M. Wilson (ex),

Staff/Board present: Grossman, Smith, Szewczuk

Public: White

CALL TO ORDER

Miller called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Introductions:

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

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

Previous minutes: MOTION by Miley to accept the minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Janego. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda: none

Lenawee:

Report of Board meeting: (Grossman)

- Scott Whitehouse reported about the changes in their membership fees.
- **Executive Director Report:** Szewczuk
 - Positive comments about the Legislative Breakfast. Budget concerns remain an urgent matter.
- **Membership:**
 - MOTION BY Miley to accept for nomination R. Wilson and P. White for the membership opening. Both had submitted letters of interest in the position. SUPPORTED BY Janego. MOTION CARRIED. A paper vote was taken. White was elected to the position. This decision will be taken to the Board for final approval.
- **Liaison:** Grossman: No additional report.
- **CAC Subcommittees:** (CAC oversees.)
 - **Legislative:** Talking points were considered. Ideas generated included increasing State revenue with an entertainment tax (movie tickets and MIS), hiring only

local or Michigan residents for construction and other work.

A recent Friday Fax should be reviewed for possible discussion.

○ **Mental Health Awareness:**

- The last meeting was held at the HOPE Center, and several of their members also attended the meeting.
- The Legislative Breakfast was a success. A lot of work was put into the organization of the event. There was excellent media coverage about it in the Telegram and on the radio before and after. The speakers were all very good. There was a good variety of representation by all groups: staff, government representatives, consumers, parents, community. It was a good learning opportunity.
- The Sharing Hope Conference will be October 24, at St. Luke Church, Ypsilanti. Watch for details in the *Grapevine*. Auditions for the talent show will be September 8 at 11:00 AM. Among the judges are Miley and Miller. Ostrander is in charge of organizing the talent auditions/representatives for Lenawee County. She will be contacted about spreading the word about the event.
- Writing letters to legislative representatives is still encouraged.

Affiliation:

ACAC report: No report.

Consumer input and concerns/miscellaneous updates/ INFORMATION SHARING ONLY. (CAC does not oversee or have direct input into the operations of these organizations.)

Interconnections/Drop In Center:

- White and Miller are now on the Drop In Center Board. Miller explained some of the Board's responsibilities.
- The renovations look welcoming.
- The process of hiring a new director has begun.
- An open house will be scheduled. Everyone is welcome to attend or to stop by anytime to see the facility.
- After a director has been named, they hope to restart the DBSA group.

Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:

- CMH is leading a System of Care effort to look at improving how services are delivered. A series of focus groups will be held.
 - September 24 at CMH 10:00-11:30 AM, LCMHA, at the Suicide Prevention Workgroup meeting.
 - September 29 and September 24 at Community Connections 6:30-8:00 PM. Childcare will be provided.
 - 9 additional groups will be held throughout the County. Please plan to attend any one of the sessions. Jan Parsons will be facilitating all the sessions.

RICC: No report

Hope Center: Camp Hope and the garden did well. Various community groups help with the project.

Continuum of Care: LEAHC has little funds left for this fiscal year. A house on Broad Street is being renovated for chronically homeless individuals.

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

Report from CAC to the Board:

- Motions that require Board approval.
- Important CAC activities.

Report back from the Board to CAC:

- Approvals
- Directions or “charges” of things for CAC to take action on.

September 24: Grossman (and White)

October 29: White

September: Grossman

MOTION by Janego to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 AM.
SUPPORTED by Miley MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: October 6, 2009
(The first Tuesday of the month.)
9:30 AM-11:00 AM
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