

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010**

Members Present: T. Ackley, Clites, Holden, Janego, Miller, Miley, Ostrander, McKenzie, Rauth, White, M. Wilson

Absent: none

Staff/Board present: Grossman, Myers, Smith (minutes)

CALL TO ORDER

Ostrander called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

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

Additions to the agenda: none

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Report of Board meeting: Ostrander reported. Membership and the possibility of revamping committees were discussed.

Executive Director Report: Myers

- Energy savings renovations will start on the Human Services Building in mid-April. The work is to start on the third floor, but all areas could be affected at any one time. We hope disruptions will be kept to a minimum with some areas being done after hours.
- South Central Michigan Works! has asked for additional floor space, and CMH is transferring about 1400sf.
- The initial news about the Governor's Budget for 2011 seems good, but it is not yet approved. The expectation is that a continuation budget would be approved in July and after the fall elections changes could be made by the new administration. CMH is starting to plan for 2011 if cuts are drastic.

- The Affiliation met in January to write a document of strategies to address possible changes. This document was provided to CAC members. Pat Barrie will be here for a Special Board Meeting, March 4. 4 PM. The meeting is open to the public to attend, but it will not be an open forum meeting for the public to ask questions. At this time there are no plans to close this agency, but changes are probable.
- The budget is forcing changes to service delivery and cannot be measured as a percentage of a total because it affects each individual differently.

Membership: Ostrander is getting the information on the lobby monitor, and will do flyers. Openings are for a MI-Child, DD, and member at-large positions. Ostrander has received one letter of interest for the at-large position. The MI-Child position must be filled by someone new. If there are no new applications for the DD position, then Rauth may apply for one more term. Anyone interested in the position is encouraged to attend the meetings in April and May to get a feel for expectations. Candidates are interviewed before being nominated for the Committee.

Liaison: Grossman

- Registration for Mental Health First Aid Training is full for March 15-16. The trainers may consider doing the trainings at Adrian College or approaching the Chamber of Commerce to do business specific trainings.
- Currently no openings for ABW.
- Seeds of Hope Shared Interest Group continues to meet.
- The discussion of revamping CAC will be discussed later.

CAC Subcommittees: (Groups CAC oversees.)

Legislative: Not currently meeting.

Mental Health Awareness:

- Watch the movie The Soloist in March.
- A Committee was formed to plan a "Meet and Greet" event with primary candidates in May or June. Legislative Committee members are encouraged to participate.

Affiliation:

- **Affiliation Consumer Advisory Committee:** no meeting in January or February.

Information sharing: *CAC does not oversee nor have any direct input into the activities or operations of these organizations. This information sharing is only for your awareness and to share with other consumers.*

- **Interconnections/Drop In Center:** Pool tournament March 20. A Peer Support event May.
- **RICC:** No report
- **Suicide Prevention:** the grant has ended. An event was held for Veterans and a presentation was done for SHU students.
- **HOPE Center:** Josh Schram has left the Center for a new job. Adjustments are being made to other staff to meet this change.
- **Continuum of Care:** More funding was received. Applications are being accepted for the opening of Legacy House for chronically homeless males.

Reporting to the Board: (This report should only include business conducted by CAC. Personal comments are stated at the beginning of the meeting when the "Public Comment" is requested.)

- March: Miller
- April: Miller

MOTION by Rauth to adjourn meeting at 10:28 AM
SUPPORTED by Janego. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next meeting: **April 2, 2010** (The first Tuesday of the month.)
LCMHA
At approximately **9:30 or 10:00**
(Immediately following MHAC 9:00 AM)