

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2010**

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

Absent: White

Staff/Board present: Grossman, Smith

Public – Jane Lucas. Evalyne Reed

CALL TO ORDER

Ostrander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Introductions:

- Introductions: Evalyne Reed, applying for the at-large position. Jane Lucas – applying for DD position on committee. R. Wilson is applying for the MI-Child position.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

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

Additions to the agenda: none

Lenawee:

Report of Board meeting: Holden

- The **Board approved Holden as Chair, and T. Ackley as Chair-Elect.**
- Sadden by the necessity to cut staff at the Club House, but she has a better understanding of the tough decisions being made because of the limited budget. The focus is on recovery and being able to graduate from Clubhouse services.
- Other items of discussion included the transfer of services to Goodwill, and health insurance cuts for staff.

Executive Director Report: None

Membership:

- Jane Lucas is applying for the DD position
- R. Wilson is reapplying to the committee after being off it for two years. MI-Child.
- Evalyne Reed is applying for the At-large position.
- This is the slate of nominations if no one else applies this month. Voting will take place at the June meeting.

Board approval will be requested at their June meeting. Positions start in July.

- After the change of membership the group needs to consider a change in the requirements for the Chair and Chair-elect positions. Currently both of these positions are for two years. yet membership on the committee is only 3 years.
- Holden's membership expires in 2011 could be extended once, if no one else applies for the position. T. Ackley's membership ends in 2012, and he cannot serve another term. He may or may not be serving as chair next year. Within the next few months, the committee may consider nominating a second chair elect as a backup, because a new chair will be required in 2012.
- Confidentiality agreements: The forms were not available today but it was stated that any discussion about individuals and their specific mental health issues cannot be discussed by members outside the CAC meeting. Members are expected to spread the word to other consumers about upcoming activities, anti-stigma issues, budget concerns, and legislative actions.

Liaison: Grossman:

- Drop In had a Bingo event last Saturday hosted by the Lenawee Peers.
- There will be fewer peer support meetings to reduce the cost of travel.
- Today's "Seeds of Hope" meeting will consist of a discussion about recovery and relapses. One member has puppets with an anti-stigma skit. At their May 18th meeting they will have a Mexican Fiesta.

CAC Subcommittees: (CAC oversees.)

Legislative: Will be working on the Meet and Greet activity to be held at New Focus.

Mental Health Awareness: Discussed at the meeting prior to CAC. The same members attended both meetings.

Affiliation:

- Affiliation Consumer Advisory Committee: - The next meeting will be here in Lenawee.

**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:

- The windows look nice.

Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:

- Merging with the Bullying Task Force.
- A meeting was held 4/16 with the members choosing subcommittees to work on. (Access to means, awareness, surveillance.)
- There no longer is a grant funding this initiative.

RICC: Lenawee's Recipient Rights officer, Szewczuk, Ross, and a State DCH representative attended the meeting to discuss grievances and recipient rights.

Hope Center:

- Members recently travelled to Frankenmuth.

Continuum of Care: no report

Board Reporting:.

May: Ostrander

June: Miller

MOTION by M. Wilson to adjourned the meeting at 10:35 am.
SUPPORTED BY Rauth. MOTION CARRIED.

**Next meeting: June 1, 2010
Immediately following MHAC at approximately 10:00 AM-
11:00 AM
LCMHA**