

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2008**

Members Present: J. Ackley, T. Ackley, Ballingall, Beckey, Rauth, Ostrander, Snyder, Thompson, M. Wilson,

Absent: K. Miller (ex), R. Wilson (ex) Berridge

Staff present: Smith, Szewczuk

Guest: Whitehouse

CALL TO ORDER

called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Introductions: None.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

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

Additions to the agenda:

- Report any contact information to the secretary (phone/address, email) Updates were provided. Attached.
- Cell phone reminder

RICC and prescription assistance programs: S. Whitehouse

- The Regional Interagency Consumer Committee is a group of people with developmental disabilities, their friends and family members. (See the attached handouts for details.)
- Each specific drug company may provide prescriptions assistance to persons without insurance, Medicaid or Medicare. The applications are found on the internet. RICC and Hope Center members are working on learning the process so they may help other persons apply online. Persons can pre-register for the local help.
- A recent town hall meeting identified several barriers including obtaining health care, and lack of transportation.

Lenawee:

Executive Director Report: none

Reporting to the Board: Ostrander and Rauth

The report included the upcoming mental health month celebration, Walk-A-Mile in My Shoes event in Lansing, about the scheduled prescription assistance report to CAC, and the flyer to announce the upcoming openings for CAC.

CAC Subcommittees:

- **Legislative:** A legislative dinner is planned for May 16 in Livingston. Snyder has been invited to be a speaker. The focus will be about dental care issues. Please write personalized letters about your concerns and give them to Snyder or J. Ackley. The Board will gather these letters and provide them for the event. If help is needed, Customer Service will assist in getting your words/concerns into a letter.
- **Mental Health Awareness:** Beckey will be making a statement at the Walk-A-Mile event.
May 21, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at CMH there will be a Mental Health Month Celebration. A lite lunch will be served. RSVP to Customer Services.
 Because of the Mental Health Month Celebration and Walk-A-Mile event a MOTION was made by Ballingall to suspend the CAC meeting for May, unless the Chair has a major need to hold the meeting. **SUPPORTED** by Rauth. **MOTION CARRIED.** (RCAC and other meetings are also suspended for this reason.)

Liaison: Keener and Szewczuk have begun meeting with others from the affiliation to get a clearer understanding of how each affiliate is utilizing Peer Support Specialists. Most Peers are employed at and running Drop In Centers- as we have in Lenawee. Each County has a Peer on clinical teams- as we will in Lenawee. None of the peers that sit on clinical teams are receiving services from that team. Questions arose regarding billing for B3 services. Those services must be pre-authorized in the Person Centered Plan (PCP). Most of the work being done by Peers is not Medicaid billable but is very important to consumers and others in the community. Peer Support Specialists who have completed the PCP facilitation training are encouraged to complete the application for independent facilitator.

Affiliation:

RCAC:

- Reitmeier will present the updated values document at the April 21 meeting.
- The Sharing Hope Conference is October 23.
- There will not be a meeting in May because of the other conflicting special events that month.
- More DD representatives are wanted on various Affiliation committees.
- The video conferencing system doesn't seem to be effective. Szewczuk will check out alternative meeting options.
- "Challenge Stigma, empowering people and families in recovery". May 1 8:30 AM-4:00 PM, in Southgate.
- MDCH will be conducting consumer panel interviews May 8 1:00-2:00 PM. Contact Sally Amos O-Neal. 734-544-6807. (LCMHA will pay mileage for this event.)
- June 11 and August 13, RCAC will be held in Lenawee County. Anyone is welcome to attend RCAC meetings. 10:00AM-Noon. Since these will be local, Lenawee consumers are encourage to attend.

- Protocol for topics at CAC and RCAC meetings. The role of CAC members. TABLED until Szewczuk and R. Wilson are both available.

Information sharing

- **Interconnections/Drop In Center:** None
- **Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:**
 - o The next meeting is April 25, at CMH, 10:00 AM.
- **Continuum of Care:**
 - o Temporary (overnight) housing can be costly.
 - o HARP vouchers are taking longer than expected to be issued.
 - o “Road Map to Success” is successful.
 - o Catherine Cobb did not receive a recent grant, so they may be \$80,000 short for the coming year. Blankets, household goods, food and clothing are needed.
- **RICC:** see above
- **HOPE Center:**
 - o A 2nd annual fashion show is planned.
 - o A couple will be renewing their marriage vows at the Center.
 - o A new co-ed Boy Scouts venture group is being established. The focus is leadership and community service.
 - o April 16 there will be a going away party for interns and staff that are leaving.
 - o Neil Sauter a stilt walker who is planning a 830 mile fund raising walk will be making an appearance at the Center.
- **CANVAS (movie):** Beckey reported the movie was very good. About 15 persons attended the showing. She and CMH have copies available for lending.
- **NAMI:** The support groups venue changes monthly. May 1, 6:00-7:30 PM, River Raisin Room, HSB will be an “Ask the doctor” event with Dr. Jibson. (specialist in Schizophrenia and anti-psychotic medications)

Reporting to the Board:

April: Ballingall

May: no report needed since CAC will not be meeting

June: T. Ackley

CAC Membership: Ostrander is resigning effective immediately. He will provide a letter of resignation to Chair R. Wilson. Openings include MI-Child, At-Large and MI-Adult. (positions currently held by Beckey, Ostrander, and Ballingall) Letters of interest have been submitted. Anyone interested should be encouraged to attend meetings.

MOTION by Rauth to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 AM SUPPORTED by Ballingall. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: June 17 9:30 AM CMH (third Tuesday each month)

No meeting in May because of other special events

AGENDA: Interviews/Nominations/Elections (Encourage those interested in membership to attend this meeting.)