

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2008**

Members Present: J. Ackley, T. Ackley, Beckey, Snyder, Thompson, M. Wilson, K. Miller, R. Wilson (ex) Berridge

Absent: Ballingall, Rauth

Staff present: Grossman, Myers, Ross, Smith, Szewczuk

Guest: Ostrander, Fouch, Holden, Metz, Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

Introductions:

- Introductions were made. (each person applying for membership was provided with a list of the membership responsibilities as listed in the Operating Guidelines.)
- Address corrections were made.
- NOTE: Ostrander resigned effective immediately at the last meeting. There was no objections to his resignation, and that decision was taken to the Board. So, he cannot be considered a member at this meeting today. As previously planned, he may apply today for membership for a complete term starting next month.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

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

Additions to the agenda:

- Term limits for staff appointments.

Lenawee:

Executive Director Report: Myers

- David LaLumia the Board Association Executive Director is resigning his position.
- Linda Feeney, LCMHA Board member resigned. The position opening has appeared in the *Daily Telegram*.
- The DCH budget is in progress. Reductions are being considered. In the future we might see a two tier system for benefits to consumers: Medicaid recipients (entitlement) vs non Medicaid persons (general fund, not an entitlement). The in-between group would be the persons (not poor enough for Medicaid and not covered by insurance.)

- A handout “*Overview of May 20th House Parity*” was provided. A suggestion was made to discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

Reporting to the Board: none

CAC Membership:

Applicants were given an opportunity to express their reasons for wanting to serve on the committee, their experience and questions to be asked.

(Holden, Fouch, Metz, Ostrander, Jones; Scheich not in attendance) As a new CMH staff person, Grossman cannot apply as a consumer to the committee, but may be appointed by Myers. All persons applying were placed on a paper ballot for all positions they could qualify. Voting started with the positions with the least number of eligible candidates. Candidates were asked to leave the room during the discussion, and voting.

NOMINATIONS:

MI-Child, term ending 2011: Beckey

MI-Adult, term ending 2011: Holden

At-large, term ending 2011: Jones

At-large, term ending 2009: Metz (completing a the term vacated by Snyder)

These nominations will be presented to the Board for approval. (See the attached suggested membership list along with contact information.)

It is noted that Ballingall term has ended with this Committee. Because there were so many candidates for the Committee this time, and she has served a complete term she could not apply for another term.

The persons nominated for membership were provided with copies of the Operating Guidelines and *Parliamentary Procedure—A matter of order* booklet.

Chair and Chair-elect positions: The Chair-elect, Snyder is resigning because she is moving out of the County.

NOMINATIONS:

MOTION by M. Wilson to nominate Beckey as Chair. SUPPORTED by Miller.

MOTION by J. Ackley to nominate Miller as Chair. SUPPORTED by Berridge.

A written ballot was taken. Miller was elected. This recommendation will be taken to the Board for approval. The position starts next month.

MOTION by M. Wilson to nominate Beckey as Chair-elect. SUPPORTED by Berridge.

MOTION by R. Wilson to nominate T. Ackley as Chair-elect. SUPPORTED by J. Ackley.

A written ballot was taken. Beckey was elected. This recommendation will be taken to the Board for approval. The position starts next month.

MOTION by M. Wilson to recommend possibly changing the Operating Guidelines to remove the requirement for the Board to approve these positions. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED. **(NOTE: TO AMEND THE OPERATING GUIDELINES: "These operating guidelines may be rescinded, or amended by a vote of at least 2/3 of the present and voting members, and subsequent approval by the LCMHA Board. Proposed changes will be read at a regular meeting of the committee. Voting on the proposed changes will take place at the next regular scheduled meeting of the committee. A copy of the proposed changes will also be mailed to each committee member in advance of the committee meeting, along with the agenda for the meeting.)**

RECOMMENDED CHANGE:

IV. "Committee Chairperson/Chairperson Elect
The candidate for committee chairperson-elect will be selected from the current membership at the JUNE meeting each year. Such selection will be made by simple majority of those committee members present and voting. Positions will start July 1 of each year. At the end of a one-year term the chairperson elect will assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson."

This proposed amendment is considered read at the June meeting. Voting on the proposed change will take place at the JULY meeting.

Staff appointments: MOTION by M. Wilson that the Committee appreciates staff participation, but would like to recommend that Myers limit individual terms of service to more than one year but less than a life-time. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED. MOTION by Thompson to recommend that the terms be staggered so both persons are not replaced at the same time. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. This is a recommendation and the Operating Guidelines would not need to be changed to use this suggestion.

RCAC membership: MOTION by Miller to change Beckey's RCAC membership from an alternate RCAC member position to a regular at-large position. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. The alternate position will be filled at a later date.

CAC Subcommittees:

- **Legislative:** No meeting.
- **Mental Health Awareness:**
 - o Field Day will be June 25.
 - o Ballingall will be presented with an anti-stigma certificate at the July Board meeting.

Liaison: No report.

Affiliation:**RCAC:**

- There was a discussion about making terms clearer on Consumer Satisfaction Surveys.
- Sharing Hope Conference is being planned for October 23. The keynote speaker is Barry from Alaska.
- The Balanced Score Card is being worked on.
- It was noted that many groups, not just for mental health consumers, are concerned and use the word “stigma” to describe how they may be treated.

Information sharing

- **Interconnections/Drop-In Center:** The facility has been painted, mainly thanks to Beckey and Ostrander. A new floor has been installed. Glue is needed to mount the puzzles.
- **Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:**
 - The next meeting is July 10, at CMH, 2:30 PM.
- **Continuum of Care:**
 - No report.
- **RICC:** No report
- **HOPE Center:**
 - There is a Ride of Hope in memory of Julie. Jessica Hanna is getting married and resigning her position at the Center. Scott Whitehouse will be her replacement.
- **NAMI:** No report (Dr. Jipson presented at one meeting.)
- **Miscellaneous:** Beckey, Ostrander and Snyder are getting married this month. M. Wilson will get cards to congratulate them.

Reporting to the Board:

June: T. Ackley and Szewczuk

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM by M. Wilson. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.

NEXT MEETING: July 15 9:30 AM CMH (third Tuesday each month)

AGENDA: attached

Position	Fixed Term Dates	Endings		Current membership 10/2007	CAC start date (approx.)	RCAC 7/2007
MI Adult	2009	2012	2015	Miller	10/07 (completing term vacated by Venable)	
DD	2009	2012	2015	T. Ackley	7/06	DD
At Large	2009	2012	2015	Metz	7/08 (complete Snyder)	
MI Child	2010	2013	2016	M. Wilson	Prior 02 (last term)	MI-C
DD	2010	2013	2016	Rauth	9/07	
MI Adult	2011	2014	2017	Holden	7/08	
MI Child	2011	2014	2017	Beckey	7/06-first full term start 7/08	At-large
At Large	2011	2014	2017	Jones	7/08	
Board	Appointment			R. Wilson, Chair	Prior 02	MI-A
Board	Appointment			J. Ackley	Prior 02	
Staff	Appointment			Berridge	Prior 02	
Staff	Appointment			Thompson	Prior 02	

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