

**Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008**

Members Present: T. Ackley, Beckey, Grossman, Holden, Janego, Jones, Metz, Miley, Miller. M. Wilson

Absent: Rauth (ex)

Staff/Board present: Myers, Smith, Szewczuk

Public: One unidentified person and Suzie (intern) was in the room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Introductions:

- Introductions were made.
- Address correction requested. (Jones: 265-5193)
- Cell phone reminder made.

Miller resigned her position as Chair. She will remain on the committee as a member. As Chair-elect Beckey took over chairing the meeting.

Public comment (Non-CAC members): None

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

Additions to the agenda: none

Lenawee:

Chair and Chair-elect positions: Responsibilities of each position are listed in the Operating Guidelines.

MOTION by Holden to nominate Beckey as Chair. SUPPORTED by Miller. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Holden to nominate Metz as Chair-elect. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION by Beckey to nominate M. Wilson as Chair-elect. SUPPORTED by Miller. A paper ballot was used. Metz was elected Chair-elect.

Reporting to the Board: Beckey had nothing new to report.

Executive Director Report: Myers

- We obtained a perfect score on our Recipient Rights Survey; meaning we are in full compliance.
- The Annual Plan is being prepared for submission to the Department. As part of this process there will be a community forum asking for input.

- The Board Association Legislative Committee is reviewing a parity Bill. The coverage is very narrow covering only those under 26 years of age. Expect to see more detail.
- An executive summary of the 272 Report *Study Results to Improve Administrative Efficiencies, Shared Services and Consolidations* was provided. An electronic copy of the entire document was emailed to CAC members after the meeting and a few hard copies provided for the Legislative meeting scheduled for Friday, September 19. (The document includes issues that are related to other human service agencies, and it was not efficient to pull out only the parts that are related to mental health and substance abuse.)
- The Legislative Committee is meeting, Friday, September 19, 1 pm. A very helpful website to watch legislative activity is www.legislature.mi.gov

Liaison: Szewczuk

- A Community Forum is being planned for Wednesday, October 29. 6-8 pm. (location to be determined) A light dinner will be provided. RSVPs will be needed. Leslie Hall and Grossman will facilitate round-table discussions. We are looking for input on changes. Please encourage other consumers to attend.
- The Family Medical Clinic is now open full-time. Appointments to see specific doctors are limited, so if you insist on seeing someone in particular, you may wait weeks or months for an appointment.
- The Access to Health Care Committee of the Lenawee Community Collaborative is beginning the process to try to set up a community health care plan. It may take several years to get something established here. The Collaborative's meetings are open to the public. (meets the first Friday of each month, at 9:30 am, Human Service Building, Second floor)
- Lenawee's unemployment rate is the highest in the State at about 11.4% (of those counted).

CAC Subcommittees:

Legislative: Will be meeting this week. Should discuss the Concept Papers and the 272 document.

Mental Health Awareness:

- **Focus Hope Fun Festival** will be Friday, October 17 at the HOPE Center, 11 am to 2:00 pm. Outdoor activities are planned. Flyers were provided. HOPE Center, Drop In Center, Club House and LCMHA are currently working on it together. Janego will notify Community Connections about getting involved with the event.
- **Sharing Hope:** October 23. Auditions for the talent show will be tomorrow.
- Arrangements have been made to go see the movie *Tropic Thunder* this week, and to have a discussion about it afterwards, to see what if any actions against it might be wanted.

Affiliation:

RCAC:

- Beckey attended the last meeting. Overall the attendance was very low.
- All members were provided with copies of the ***Concept Paper, "Focusing a Partnership for Renewal and Recommitment to Quality and Community in the Michigan Public Mental Health System"***. Please review this document for discussion.

Information sharing

- **Interconnections/Drop-In Center:** Wilson
 - o The budget is being drafted. Donations of puzzles and puzzle glue are welcomed.
 - o A Christmas BINGO party is being planned.
 - o The window display is still getting positive comments.
- **Lenawee Suicide Prevention Workgroup:** Szewczuk
 - o The next meeting will be October 14 at 10:00 am.
 - o Dudley Spade presented a State Resolution about suicide. Commissioner Gallagher presented a county resolution.
 - o Did a live remote from the MIS 911 Red Cross Blood day.
 - o The focus for the grant next year will be awareness and training.
 - o Conversations have begun with Warren Vassar, Veterans, about possibly forming a support group for veterans.
 - o The County Suicide Prevention plan is available upon request.
 - o There are still names available with the Armory, to Adopt a Soldier.
- **Continuum of Care:** The CMH intern will report next month.
- **RICC and HOPE Center:** Beckey and Holden attended. Josh, Scott and Kristen have also been invited to go to see Tropic Thunder and be included in the discussion.
- **NAMI:** Ballingall has agreed to report quarterly. Beckey will ask her to attend the meeting next month.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - o **Walk Now for Autism:** October 12, 2008, The Palace of Auburn Hills. www.walknowforautism.org/semichigan
Beckey will have this posted on the CMH lobby monitor.
 - o **New Focus open house:** September 18. was cancelled.

Reporting to the Board:

September: Metz (Beckey will also be at this meeting.)
October 30: Beckey (Miller unable.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2008 9:30 AM CMH
(third Tuesday each month)

Handouts:

- An executive summary of the 272 Report *Study Results to Improve Administrative Efficiencies, Shared Services and Consolidations*
- Focus Hope Fun Festival, flyer