

## **Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **January 23, 2007**

**Core value:** We believe in valuing other's voices, choices and contributions. Respecting other's values, abilities and limitations. Improving treatment to and for consumers through reaching out to our community and reducing stigma.

**Members Present:** T. Ackley, J. Ackley, Ballingall, Barnes, Beckey, Scheich, Thompson, M. Wilson, Venable,

**Absent:** Berridge, Snyder, R. Wilson (ex)

**Staff present:** Myers, Ross, Smith,

**Public:** none

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

- I. **Minutes:** MOTION by M. Wilson to approve the December minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.
- II. **Additions to the agenda:** None. The date listed was wrong.
- III. **Public Comment:** none
- IV. **Meyers reporting:**
  - The projected State budget deficit is now about \$800 million and probably will continue to increase. Last year LCMHA used part of the fund balance, but this should not be considered again. Services may be affected for the next few years. Budget concerns are seen all across the State. The funding of State Institutions will effect the General fund.
  - Rumor about Herrick inpatient is not confirmed and is unlikely.
  - Pat Barrie may be leaving his position.
  - The General Fund can supplement Medicaid but Medicaid cannot be used to supplement the General Fund. A redistribution will be done across the State. Medicaid funds are fixed.
- V. **Report from November LCMHA Board Meeting:** Snyder's position as an alternate for RCAC was approved.
- VI. **Wraparound:** none. Add to the agenda next month.

**VII. PCP:** none. Add to the agenda next month.

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

- Events and publicity (Barnes)  
A written report was provided. The group has outlined options for a conference they would like to hold. LCMHA must decide what events they are planning first.
- Legislative:
  - a. Has not met. It is not known if letters have been sent to the representatives yet.
  - b. A request is made for anyone to make suggestions for topics of discussion for the legislators' breakfast meeting at the Board Association Conference. These must be sent in advance (so provide to the Board by January 25) Topics will not necessarily be limited to mental health. The Legislators may have topics they wish to discuss as well.
- Anti-stigma:  
The meetings are the third Thursday of the month. (next Feb. 15, 9:00 AM) Szewczuk and Barnes will be doing a presentation at a Civitan meeting. Szewczuk and Barnes did a PSA on WLEN. There will be awards presented at the Board meeting on January 25.

**IX. Interconnections: (M. Wilson)**

The Board and staff are working on reviewing and rewriting the by-laws and rules for the Center. Three Board members are needed. Daily attendance is increasing.

**X. Conferences and Trainings:**

- Help is needed with organizing the Sharing Hope Conference for October.
- Help is needed with ideas for Mental Health Month. A Walk-A-Mile event will be planned.

**XI. Misc./Announcements :**

- RCAC and CAC members are responsible to communicate with each other and consumers. The *Grapevine* can be used more than it currently is. CAC has not recently submitted articles. The deadline for the next *Grapevine* submissions is February 15.
- J. Ackley will get a card for signatures to send to the family of M. Niceley.
- The booklet, *Parliamentary Procedure-A matter of order*, was provided.
- Copies of the Operating Guidelines was to anyone that needed a copy.

**XII. Reporting to the Board :**

**February:** Snyder

**March:** Ballingall

**April:** R. Wilson

**May:** Venable

Grapevine: April-May-June Grapevine: T & J. Ackley along with Ross.

**XIII. Membership:**

It is time to start looking for new members. Terms ending in 2007 are M. Wilson (MI-Child) and Scheich (DD).

**XIV. Agenda items for the next meeting**

- Wraparound concerns
- RCAC actions regarding PCP meetings. (R. Wilson)
- Mental Health Month Activities

MOTION by Beckey to adjourn at 10:28 AM SUPPORTED by Barnes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Next meeting: February 20 9:30 AM** (A week earlier because the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday for the Board meeting falls before the regular CAC date.)