

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2006

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, Barnes, Beckey, Berridge, Snyder, Thompson, R. Wilson, M. Wilson,

Absent: Venable (ex) Ballingall, (ex), Scheich (ex)

Staff present: Ross, Smith,

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson R. Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

- I. **Minutes:** MOTION by Snyder to approve the minutes of October 29 minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED.
- II. **Additions to the agenda:** None
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Meyers reporting:** None
- V. **Report from the last Board meeting: Thompson**
 1. It was approved that CAC may act as oversight to the Antistigma Committee.
 2. Stipends for Antistigma Committee members have not been paid in the past and that will not change. The policy for stipends remains that CAC members may be paid for CAC, one subcommittee and RCAC.
 3. The action at the last meeting to elect Snyder to RCAC was not done formally. MOTION by J. Ackley to nominate Snyder to RCAC. SUPPORTED by Berridge. MOTION CARRIED. The Board approved this action.
- VI. **Committee reports:** All minutes should be turned into Smith at the CAC meeting each month.
 1. **Events, publicity and Planning Committee**
The minutes were provided to Smith.

2. Legislative: J. Ackley

No minutes provided. A meeting was held 11/9/06. Discussions included medical care expense , and sending letters to our governmental representatives. (The committee should do the letters.) Concerns also were discussed about the recent election ballot proposal about banning smoking in county businesses. This proposal only requests that the County Commission review the possibility of setting regulations. There are no specifics about distance from buildings or anything else. Another topic is about long-term care.

VII. Antistigma: Thompson

15 billboards are planned for the next few months for suicide prevention and depression.

VIII. Ambassador Training: Ross and Beckey

Books and copies of a PowerPoint presentation were provided. This training is to provide the tools or common language for a gras sroots effort to combat stigma and education the general public about the community mental health system. Plans are to provide this training to home staff and others.

IX. RCAC

Concerns are being raised about how Mid South Substance Abuse Commission might handle funding to persons with a single diagnosis vs dual diagnosis if the funding stream changes.

The group is discussing the use of the word "recovery" to cover everyone. Sometimes "self -determination" is better for DD consumers. It was mentioned that t he use of "recovery" is a State based issue and the topic needs to be addresses at that level.

X. Inter-Connections: M. Wilson

Activities include Christmas gifts, a Thanksgiving pot -luck, and Christmas dinner and bingo. Hours have changed to 2:00-5:00 PM M-F, 12:00 to 5:00 PM Saturday and Sunday 1:00-5:00 PM. The changes in hours seem to be OK, but the te reduction in hours should be discussed with their Board.

XI. Conferences and Trainings: none

XII. Misc./Announcements :

- There will be an 8 page book about Sharing Hope.
- Reminder that the deadline for *Grapevine* submissions is this week.

XIII. Reporting to the Board :

November 30th : M. Wilson

December: R. Wilson will report if there is a meeting.

January: Barnes

There will be an Affiliation meeting with our Legislative representatives at the February Board Conference. The plan is to provide the representatives with the questions in advance.

XIV. Agenda items for the next meeting

- **Wraparound and PCP changes**

MOTION by Beckey to adjourn at 10:20 AM SUPPORTED BY M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: December 19 9:30 AM
LCMHA training room.
Meeting with snacks and white elephant gift exchange.