

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 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, Berridge, Snyder Thompson, Venable

Absent: Scheich (ex), R. Wilson (ex) M. Wilson (ex)

Staff present: Myers, Smith

Public: none

CALL TO ORDER

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

- I. Minutes:** MOTION by Thompson to approve the January minutes as written. SUPPORTED by J. Ackley. MOTION CARRIED.
- II. Additions to the agenda:** Writing workshop
- III. Public Comment:** none
- IV. Meyers reporting:**
 - Board Association Winter Conference is next week. Wednesday morning our Affiliation, Lifeways and Shiawassee CMH will be meeting with our shared legislators. Four formal presentations will be done. Ballingall has been asked to be one of these presenters. (power point outline provided)
 - a. Michigan First health care
 - b. Budget
 - c. Standards group
 - d. Parity
 - State Budget: Last year LCMHA needed more than \$900,000 from the fund balance. This cannot be done repeated again this year.
 - Hospitalizations expenses are affecting the budget. Corrective actions are expected from DCH. A Senate Fiscal Agency report highlights some option possibilities. Possible options for cuts include multi-cultural funding, optional Medicaid services, home-based services.

- *Michigan's Defining Moment: Report of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel* was provided for review. The report encourages local units of government to consolidate administrative services (including school districts) to reduce cost. There needs to be better and less expensive ways to deliver services.
- A staff memo regarding the State Budget status was provided. The Executive Committee will be working on it March 14. CAC will meet March 6 at 9:00 AM to gather consumer input.
- Access to Health Care Committee (re ports to the Lenawee Community Collaborative) Members of this committee include representatives from Community Action Agency, CMH, L.H.A, Lenawee Health Department and others. Lenawee may be losing 4 -7 primary health care physicians in the next year through retirement or moving out of the area. A designation for a Rural Health Care Clinic has been received which will help the CAA medical clinic provide services. Work continues to increase this designation to a higher level that will provide more benefits to the area. Separately two local doctors are working on obtaining a 501 (c) 3 status.

V. Wraparound and PCP : RCAC has a subcommittee discussing the issues.

VI. RCAC: No meeting.

VII. Mental Health Month: No report.

VIII. Membership recruiting

There will be opening this year for an MI Child and a DD representative. Barnes provide a piece for the *Grapevine* this week that will include soliciting members and to description of CAC. Todd will do a posting at the Hope Center and other postings will be done at New Focus and other locations.

IX. Committee Reports:

- Events and publicity (Barnes)
Budget constraints may effect Mental Health month activities.
- Legislative: The group meet last night, and they discussed much of the same information provided today by Myers. They would like to do arrange a presentation to the County Commission to emphasize the affects of budget cuts to consumers and the community. Cameron Brown will attend part of the Suicide Prevention Workgroup meeting this week. Members are encourage to write individual letters of concerns to State, Federal and local governmental representatives.
- Anti-stigma : Carol Wotring nominated media personnel Dale Gardner, Dave Frownfelder, and Mike Calamungi for Anti-Stigma awards. *The Telegram* article has

provided positive results from the community for New Focus Clubhouse.

X. Interconnections:

Needs three additional Board members.

XI. Conferences and Trainings:

- Writing Workshop: Outsider Press from Rockford Michigan received a grant to do all day workshops f or social justice issues. For \$15 per person (includes lunch) they will provide all day training for at least 10 consumers. Notify Ballingall i f you are interested, so arrangements can be made. (Thompson and Snyder indicated their interest depending upon the date chosen.)

XII. Misc./Announcements :

- Snyder attends t he Continuum of Care meetings that deal with homeless issues in the County. (They report to the Lenawee Community Collaborative). Snyder is willing to keep CAC members updated on what is happening regarding homelessness in the County. Several members are interested in hearing more.

XIII. Report from January LCMHA Board Meeting: Barnes

The primary topic was the budget.

XIV. Reporting to the Board :

March 29: Ballingall

April: R. Wilson

May: Venable

June: ?

XV. Agenda items for the next meeting

- Mental health month activities
- Report about the legislative activity at the Board Conference

MOTION by Beckey to adjourn at 10:39 AM SUPPORTED by Barnes. MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET:

March 6 9:00 AM LCMHA

Next regular meeting: March 27 9:30 AM LCMHA

NOTE: THIS IS THE REGULAR DATE , IT IS NOT CHANGING AS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

Handouts:

- Southeast Region Community Mental Health Areas of Interest, February 29, 2007
- Memo to all staff about the State Budget
- Michigan's Defining Moment: Report of the Emergency Financial Advisory Panel