

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2007

Members Present: T. Ackley, J. Ackley, Ballingall, Barnes, Beckey, Scheich, Snyder, Thompson, Venable

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

Staff present: Myers, Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM.

Previous Minutes: MOTION by Beckey to accept the February 20 minutes as written. SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by T. Ackley to accept the March 6 minutes as written. SUPPORTED by J. Ackley. MOTION CARRIED.

An updated phone list was provided.

Additions to the agenda : Conference information

Public comment: None

Myers Reporting: Handouts provided.

- Budget: Thank you for the input. A proposed budget has been reviewed by the Operations and Budget Committee and will be submitted to the Board this week. Reductions include:
 - Staff reductions
 - Reducing service authorization throughout the system (1-3 hours each week per person per service)
 - More reductions will be implemented depending upon the State Budget
- Michigan First Health Plan is being designed. It must remain revenue neutral. Some people like those under the 1115 waiver will qualify automatically. A second tier may include those that are above 200% of poverty. Some prescription coverage under the plan may relieve some of the expense for CMHs.
- Work continues on the parity issue. (Copies of the Bills were provided.)
- Copies of the FY 2008 MACMHB Appropriation and Legislative Priorities 94th Michigan Legislature was provided for review.

Board Meeting report: Snyder

Most of the meeting dealt with budget issues. It is hoped the new Med Clinic may help relieve some of services provided by CMH. The Youth Suicide Prevention Grant was received. There will be a town hall meeting at the Hope Center, May 16 (provided by RICG group) and a second meeting date to be determined.

Membership recruitment: Need MI Child and DD representatives. Letters of interest need to be submitted with nominations made in the next month or two. Flyers have been posted at the Hope Center, *Grapevine (spring issue)*, Community Connections, New Focus and will be provided to Wraparound facilitators and Family Support Task Force members.

Outsider Press Workshop : At this time there is not enough interest in providing the workshop. (Snyder, Thompson and Barnes are interested.)

Committees:

- **Events:** Barnes
- Minutes provided. The group has met twice this month. A celebration without spending any funds is being suggested. There was a suggestion that part of the program should be interactive “open mike”. Possible dates the rooms are available are May 22 or 25.
- **Legislative:** Snyder
The breakfast at the recent Board Association Conference did not meet most expectations. Ballingall did speak with the representatives. Suggestions to improve this type of event are welcomed. Most of the representatives were unable to stay very long. (Possible have each person at a table talk on a subject during the meal; or try a different time of day)
Stories about parity issues are being sought. (Handout provided)
- **Anti-stigma:** Has not met. There will be 3 awards given at the Board meeting this week.
- **Continuum of Care:** Snyder
Handouts provided.
 - Youth: two possible programs are being worked on.
 - Homeless Youth pilot program for youth about 16-24. Hoping to have a facility by the fall. Beth McCullough and Sharon Hudson are working on it.
 - “HOST HOME” Willing people to host students in their homes while they complete their education. (Not yet approved.)
 - Families: Rental Property website. Currently, it may take up to 6 months for families to find housing under a Section 8 status. The hope is to reduce this time to less than 3 months, with the online registration and Michigan Housing Choice Voucher system.

- Official homeless count (Point in time) Total of 233 persons in shelters. This number includes:
 - 60 children
 - 183 family members (related to someone else in the count)
 - 11 chronic homeless
 - 109 qualify for HUD
- A resource guide is available.

Interconnections: Beckley

All staff will be going to Peer Support Training. Staff from New Focus are also attending training sessions. DCH pays most of the expenses.

Conferences:

- Walk a Mile in my Shoes: May 23 local and 24 Lansing.
- Ballingall will be attending a NAMI Conference.

Reporting to the Board :

March 29: Scheich and Snyder
 April: R. Wilson
 May: Venible and Beckey
 June: Barnes
 July: Snyder

Grapevine: Tentative deadline May 15. T. Ackley and Ross to provide the CAC article.

Next Agenda: Mental health celebrations details, review applications for new members, Field Day.

MOTION by Snyder to adjourn at 10:33 am SUPPORTED by Venible. MOTION CARRIED.

Handouts:

- Phone list
- Special events and publicity committee special meeting minutes
- FY 2008 MACMHB Appropriation and Legislative Priorities 94th Michigan Legislature
- Notes from the Continuum of Care (March 13, 2007)
- List your rentals for Free on the Michigan Housing Locator
- Legislative Sub-Committee of CAC minutes (March 15)
- Packet including: House Bill No. 4390, 4391, 4392, 4393, Michigan Partners for Parity, sample letters. Mandating more benefits would be bad medicine (Detroit Free Press) Mental care parity: A tiny price to pay for fairness (Detroit Free Press)