## **Consumer Advisory Committee MeetingMinutes** March 6, 2007 A special meeting to make budget recommendations and suggestions.

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

Staff present: Keener, Myers, Ross, Smith

## CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

- Updated contact information was requested. Smith needs to be notified of address changes.
- The next meeting is March 27.
- Anything discussed at this committee's meetings is confidential and should not be discussed elsewhere.
- Budget discussion for suggestions and recommendations:
- (Approximately \$915,000 was used from the fund balance this past FY. How can this be restored, and or eliminate the need to draw for the fund balance again this year?)
  - Reduce Clubhouse hours
  - Reduce the work week for all employee and contracts
  - Change meds only to private doctors
  - Reduce health care benefits
  - Increase use of peer supports/volunteers
  - Increase alternative funding for such programs as N.Y.P.U.M., Disability awareness etc.
  - Reduce per diem expenses
  - Reduce contract rates
  - Review for duplication of effort/services in private sector
  - Maximize the use of natural supports
  - Review internal waste ex. Technology, phones usage
  - Explore use of Lenawee Community Foundation Human Services Fund
  - Services we are providing in community that the community could/should pay for

**Reporting to the Board:** March 29: Scheich and Snyder Handouts: Revenue/Expenditure report