

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2007

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

Absent: Scheich (ex), Thompson (ex)

Staff present: Ross, Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Previous Minutes: MOTION by Snyder to accept the March minutes as written (with a correction on the spelling of Beckey's name on page 3). SUPPORTED by Beckey. MOTION CARRIED.

Additions to the agenda: None

Public comment: None

Myers Reporting: None

Board Meeting report: Ballingall

- Employee service recognitions
- Anti-stigma awards were provided to 2 Telegram and 1 Goodwill/W.O.W. employee.
- A JACHO audit was positive.
- Budget reductions include staff layoffs, program decreases, and reduction of stipend to \$20.

RCAC: Barnes

- Washtenaw and Lenawee each have made approximately \$500,000 cuts to their individual budgets.
- A Friends of DD Support Group is being discussed.
- A handout was provided about peer supports. M. Wilson has been trained as a peer support specialist. The next step for the process in Lenawee is unknown. Wilson will get answers about supervision requirements.
- PCP training is being discussed.
- Transportation needs to meetings was discussed.

Membership recruitment:

Two positions will be available. All members should be actively recruiting new members. Can Snyder switch representing from member at large to representing children? Candidates should express their interest by next month.

Committees:

• Events: Ross

- Any events for mental health month needs to be done without any expenditures. An event is being planned for May 11, at CMH, with speakers, Lori Sallows award presentation, and a pot-luck lunch. Topics are still be considered.
- Field day plans are being discussed.
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- Local Walk A Mile will be May 23. Ross will not be there but she has made all the arrangements. Illenden will be in charge that day and will need help physically helping the group. No food will be provided, unless someone can make arrangements with our CMH funds. Statements to read will be available.
- Monroe CMH is willing to provide transportation if names are provided by May 11 to go to the Walk a Mile in Lansing on May 24.

• Legislative: Snyder

Minutes were provided. Ross heard that letters sent to representatives and look anything like a form letter are tossed by support staff and not provided to the representative. So letters need to be personal if you want your voice heard.

• Anti-stigma:

The next Anti-stigma committee meeting is May 17. A new chair is needed since J. Johnson is no longer with CMH

• Continuum of Care: Snyder

Notes were provided. Migrant housing has been reviewed. Plans for a HOST family program for youth that have aged out of the foster care system and are homeless is in the works. Barriers are being addressed. A MSHDA grant was approved. The latest report shows 23 chronically homeless in the county.

Interconnections:

Efforts continue with activity involvement.

Conferences:

- There is no funding available. Ballingall attended a NAMI conference. The recent Bridges out of Poverty was excellent in changing perception of poverty problems. CMH has the book available for anyone to read and return.
- It seems no one is available to attend the Board Association meeting in May.
- RCAC will be held in Lenawee, May 9.

Reporting to the Board :

April: R. Wilson
May: Venible and Beckey
June: Barnes
July: Snyder
August: Todd

Grapevine: Todd and Kay

Next Agenda: Interviews for new members.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2007

MOTION by M. Wilson to adjourn at 10:30 am SUPPORTED by Venible. MOTION CARRIED.

Handouts:

- What is Peer Support?
- Legislative Sub-Committee of CAC April 20 minutes
- Notes from Continuum of Care

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