

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2007

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

Absent: Venable

Staff present: Myers, Smith, Szewczuk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

Previous Minutes: MOTION by R. Wilson to accept the April minutes as written. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting frequency for CAC is the fourth Tuesday of each month. (not the last)

Additions to the agenda : None

Public comment : None

Executive Director Report:

- Good news: There will be no further cuts to Medicaid this FY.
- Bad news: The PA -2 funds are gone. This will affect us indirectly as other agencies lose funding. And the really tough budget decisions have just been delayed until the next FY.
- Affiliation Strategic Plan: Copies of the "living document" were provided for review for discussion at a later date (if so desired). The next step in the development of this document is to define measurements ("balanced score card method").
- Monroe CMH: The CMHPS has rescinded the delegation of Medicaid administrative and clinical functions effective July 1. Details are provided in a staff memo (handout) and weekly updates will be provided.
- Stipends: Concerns about the reduced amount paid include the cost of insurance and auto upkeep to transport fellow members to meetings, and the expense for babysitters. The subject is being reviewed.

Board Meeting report:

Jim Van Doren replaced Larry Gould on the Board. He maintains office hours at the Courthouse and we are encouraged to make appointments with him to get to know him and express feelings about issues.

RCAC: Barnes

- There will be a jail diversion meeting June 13 in Monroe.

- You have the right to disagree and the right to appeal. Letter writing to your representatives is encouraged.

Membership recruitment:

Two positions will be available. DD-Adult and MI-Child. Snyder is willing to switch to being an at-large representative to representing MI-children.

MOTION by R. Wilson that CAC be willing to have M. Wilson and Scheich remain in their current positions for an additional year if they are willing to continue, and there are no new candidates for the positions. SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION PASSED. Letters of interest can still be accepted. Nominations will be at the June meeting.

Committees:

- **Events and Publicity :** A suggestion has been made to combine this group with the Anti-stigma group. Until now the Anti-Stigma group has been reporting to CAC, but is not a subcommittee of it. Anti-stigma members are not paid stipends. MOTION by J. Ackley to recommend that the Anti-Stigma group be a subcommittee of CAC. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION PASSED. R. Wilson will present this recommendations to the Board. The next step in this process will be to combine the Events and Publicity Subcommittee with the Anti-Stigma Committee.
- **Legislative:** none.

Reporting:

Anti-stigma: See above.

Continuum of Care: none.

Interconnections: None

Conferences:

- The Consumer Conference information was attached to the previous minutes and flyers were provided today.
- An Asset Building in School Communities Training, June 20, contact the L.I.S.D. The Train the Trainer session is \$100.
- NAMI family support group starts June 12. Flyers are available.

MISC.:

- The local Walk a Mile in my Shoes was cancelled mainly due to unsafe walking conditions of the route.
- Scheich and Thompson co-ceeded the Walk A Mile in Lansing. A DVD of the event is being produced.
- New Focus has a food drive this Saturday.
- Michelle, Kathy, Jerry and Jeff will be taking their peer support specialist test for certification. Roman and Lankford already took the test. Beckey and R. Wilson will be going to a one day training session.
- Congratulations to Ballingall on receiving the Anti-Stigma Award.

Liaison: Szewczuk is replacing Ross as Liaison.

Reporting to the Board :

May: Venible

June: Scheich, and Snyder (R. Wilson will pick Scheich up.)

July: Barnes

August: T. Ackley and Szewczuk

Next Agenda:

- Affiliation Strategic Plan (Please review before the meeting.)
- Nominations and voting for membership
- Events & Publicity Committee combining with Anti-Stigma.
- Szewczuk to talk to Ross

Next Meeting: June 22, 2007, 9:30 AM

MOTION by M. Wilson to adjourn at 10:50 am SUPPORTED by Snyder. MOTION CARRIED.

Handouts:

- Monroe CMHA update for affiliation staff
- 10th Annual Michigan Consumer Conference
- Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan, Strategic Plan