

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2006

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

Absent: Berridge,

Staff present: Smith

CALL TO ORDER

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

- I. **Minutes:** MOTION by R. Wilson to approve the minutes of June 27 minutes with the corrections to indicate Berridge as the interim leader of publicity for the organization of a NAMI chapter (VII. First bullet). And Ackley abstained from the voting at the last meeting. SUPPORTED by Thompson. MOTION CARRIED.
- II. **Additions to the agenda:** Request for comments to the Recipient Rights Policy as provided by Myers at the last meeting.
- III. **Public Comment:** None. Introductions were made. New members were provided with the Operating Guidelines, and minutes from two previous meetings plus the notes from the Strategic Planning session.
- IV. **Report from the last Board meeting:** Ballingall reported that the recommendations presented for new Board members was accepted.
- V. **Training:** Members are available for a training session on August 11 at LCMHA. 9:00 AM -2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. Some members may need to leave a little early for other commitments. Ross to facilitate. Copies of the minutes from the Strategic Planning session maybe needed.
- VI. **Myers reporting:** None.
- VII. **Subcommittee reports:**
 - **NAMI:** This group is organizing the start up of a new local NAMI Chapter. The next regular organizational meeting will be today. The desire is to have a “bash” with a big

named speaker some time in September to kick off the group. Ballingall is chair. Venable will serve on this committee.

- **Events Planning Committee:** This group sets up events, promotes membership and speaking engagements. Barnes is chair. Beckey will serve on this committee (along with Thompson and Scheich) T. and J. Ackley will also attend meetings. They have not met recently. Two showings of the *Shadow Voices* video tape had good attendance. Anyone interested in participating in the booth at the County Fair should contact Ross.

Events mentioned included the viewing of *Shadow Voices*, the Fair, Power Day and the IAPSRS Conference.

- **Legislative Committee:** This group has not recently met. R. Wilson is the chair. Snyder will join the group that also includes J. Ackley and Fouch. This group is an advocacy group that tracks legislative activity regarding mental health issues and encourages members and others to contact their State or Federal representatives about such issues. The result of the Parity issue is unknown. The group will arrange a meeting time.

Copies of the Michigan Partners for Parity to be provided to new members.

- **Peer Support:** A group has not yet formed. Snyder is interested in participating when there is more known. Ballingall will get more information.

VIII. Inter-Connections: Not much activity. Construction is hampering parking. *Shadow Voices* was shown.

IX. Affiliation report: None. A planned retreat was postponed. MOTION by J. Ackley to set 3 months as "official membership" as the minimum attendance for commitment to any committee including RCAC. The first 3 months can be a time to attend various groups to gain understanding and to determine where new members would most like to serve. SUPPORTED by Thompson. MOTION CARRIED. This is not part of the Operating Guidelines.

An additional member is needed. Current members are Barnes, R. and M. Wilson and Scheich. Carpooling arrangements were made. (Barnes and Snyder, Wilson and Beckey) All meetings are open to anyone. Stipends are paid only to RCAC members not guest.

X. Conferences and Trainings: See above notes.

XI. Misc. Sharing:

- Dr. Lucy provided a kit that was given to Venable for follow-up. *“Jointhevoicesforrecovery”*.
- Karmes retiring was discussed. Ballingall will follow-up.
- Governor Granholm signed the Chase Edwards Bill about suicide education in schools. (for details GOOGLE “Chase Edwards”).

XII. Reporting to the Board : Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at LCMHA, 3:00 PM.

July: Barnes (Snyder will attend as well.)

August: R. Wilson (and Beckey)

September: Thompson (and Venable)

October: M. Wilson (and T. Ackley)

As the Board Chair, J. Ackley will not be able to report to the Board for CAC.

Members are responsible to take notes at CAC meetings and to briefly summarize it to the Board.

XIII. Membership:

- **Chair-elect:** R. Wilson and J. Thompson were nominated. By paper ballot, R. Wilson was elected. (the two nominees did not vote.) This should next go to the Board for approval.
- Members provided their phone numbers for exchange. They should not be given to anyone beyond this group. (list attached)

XIV. Agenda items for the next meeting.

If topics are known before a meeting contact Ballingall about possibly adding it to the agenda. Or any topic can be brought up in the Misc/ Sharing/Announcement portion of the agenda.

XV. Recipient Rights Policy (as provided previously by Myers for review and comment.) No comments.

MOTION by R. Wilson to adjourn at 10:48 SUPPORTED BY Scheich
MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: August 22: 9:30 AM LCMHA Board Room.
(The meeting in September will be in the training room.)