

## **Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 22, 2006**

**Core value:** We believe in valuing other's voices, choices and contributions. Respecting other's values, abilities and limitations. Improving treatment to and for consumers through reaching out to our community and reducing stigma.

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

**Absent:** T. Ackley J. Ackley, Berridge,

**Staff present:** Myers, Ross, Keener, Smith

**Public:** JACHO surveyor

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson D. Ballingall called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM.

- I. **Minutes:** MOTION by R. Wilson to approve the minutes of July 25 minutes as written. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED.
- II. **Additions to the agenda:** Strategic Plan and the possible formation of a publicity committee.
- III. **Public Comment:** None. No introductions.
- IV. **Report from the last Board meeting:** Barnes and Snyder attended the last meeting. Barnes reported that the Board is limiting payment of stipends to monthly CAC and RCAC meetings and one subcommittees per month per person. Reasons discussed were budget concerns and motives for having the meetings (accountability). A discussion at today's meeting including providing minutes of each subcommittee meeting; the Strategic Plan that the Board has not seen yet and the overall changes in the activities of the committee. MOTION by Barnes to have a group meet to discuss guidelines to follow regarding meetings attendance and stipends. SUPPORTED by R. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED . Barnes, Thompson, Venable and R. Wilson will meet. Ballingall will attend the next Board meeting to provide the Committee's current focus and activities. Snyder noted the overall concern of the Board about the budget.

- V. Meyers reporting:** Myers noted the semi-budget crisis facing the agency due mainly to in-patient usage which is also affecting the other Affiliation members.

He also noted that K. McDownell, the JACHO surveyor is here for a surprise 2 day visit. She sat in on part of this meeting, but left before introductions. She will also be going to the Club House today. The survey is completed on a "tracer" method.

- VI. Strategic Plan:** Ross provided the draft of the results of the August 11 special planning meeting. The Core Value and Purpose will be shown on the minutes and agenda s. MOTION by R. Wilson to adopt the draft with the changes as discussed today. SUPPORTED by Thompson. MOTION CARRIED. (copies attached)

Members will alternate writing an article for the *Grapevine*. Ross will assist anyone without directly writing the column. The next firm deadline to turn in the article to S. Smith is September 29.

The Events Committee will also handle publicity. (Events Planning /Publicity Committee.)

Thompson and Barnes will join the Anti-Stigma Committee.

- VII. Peer Support Specialist and Recovery Advisory Board Report: Ballingall**

Myers and Ballingall met to discuss the Peer Support position. Ballingall also attended a Recovery Council meeting in Lansing. Peer Support Specialist attend intensive training and testing. Their role maybe to help consumers bridge between or make life transitions. It will be up to CMH on how a person is hired (full or part time etc.) MOTION by R. Wilson to recommend that Pam Warner be contacted by CMH to meet with the management team or any other group Myers feels appropriate. SUPPORTED by Venable.

- VIII. Subcommittee reports:**

- **NAMI:** There is a meeting August 23 to formalize the group. Consumers pay \$3.00 plus possible a small amount to help with local expenses to join. Non - consumers fees total over \$20.00. Ballingall to verify the definition between who qualifies as a consumer or non - consumer.

The subcommittee will disband once the NAMI group is formed.

- **Events Planning Committee:** Events mentioned included the Power Day, and the Sharing Hope Conference. Plans are being made to show the movie “The Ringer”. The next meeting is September 8, 10:30 AM at CMH. The group will discuss a Christmas Party.
- **Legislative Committee:** The next meeting is September 19 at 5:30 PM. R. Wilson has informally met with some representatives or candidates. A “meet the candidates” event is planned.

The Parity issue has not yet been finalized.

- IX. Inter-Connections:** There is discussion about arranging transportation and closing the facility for the day for the Sharing Hope Conference. Eddy at Adrian Taxi may be helpful 265-8912.
- X. Affiliation report:** New members are attending RCAC meetings along with current members. The next RCAC meeting will be in Lenawee on September 13. Snyder and Beckey attended the recent meeting. By raising questions at the meeting, the agenda now will have two times for public comment. (at the beginning and at the end of each meeting.)
- XI. Conferences and Trainings:** Due to planned attendance at the IAPSRS Conference on September 26, the CAC meeting will be changed to September 19, LCMHA, Board Room.
- XII. Reporting to the Board :** Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at LCMHA, 3:00 PM.  
NOTE THE CHANGES  
**August:** Ballingall (and Beckey)  
**September:** R. Wilson (and Venable)  
**October:** Thompson (and T. Ackley)  
**November:** M. Wilson
- XIII. Agenda items for the next meeting.**  
Ross will not be available for the meeting September 26 but will provide a half -hour training on the Ambassador Handbook at the meeting on October 24.

MOTION by Scheich to adjourn at 11:03 SUPPORTED BY Beckey  
MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: September 19: 9:30 AM LCMHA Board Room.—  
**NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH.**

Attachments: adopted Strategic Plan  
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