

Consumer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 19, 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: T. Ackley, J. Ackley, Ballingall, Barnes, Beckey, Berridge, Scheich, Snyder, Venable, M. Wilson,
Absent: Thompson (ex), R. Wilson (ex)
Staff present: Ross, Smith

CALL TO ORDER

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

- I. **Minutes:** MOTION by Beckey to approve the minutes of August 22 minutes as written. SUPPORTED by M. Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. The copies of the minutes that will go to for the Board packets each month will be DRAFT copies since they will not be approved by CAC.
- II. **Additions to the agenda:** None
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Report from the last Board meeting:** Ballingall attended the meeting. CMH Personnel will handle the decision about peer support specialist training or hiring for the role. Lenawee is the only county in the Affiliation without any training. Concerns were expressed about the need for the role, the budget expense, and the role of such a person. Help with the completion of "advanced directives" was mentioned a possible role of the position. Pam Warner is willing to provide a training. Ballingall will keep the Committee updated.

The limitations on stipends was reviewed with the Board. A subcommittee will discuss possibilities.
- V. **Meyers reporting:** None. Board members are touring homes today.

VI. Committee reports:

1. Events, publicity and Planning Committee

Members will alternate writing articles for the *Grapevine*. If needed, Ross will assist writing the column. The listing with suggested articles was provided.

Schedule:

Issue	Due to S. Smith before	Responsibility
November/December	September 29	Beckey
January/February	December 1	Snyder
March/April	February 1	Barnes-possibly about reporting to the Board
May/June	April 1	T. Ackley (Ross will assist)

Scheich and Barnes will write articles to submit to the *Telegram*.

Films are scheduled to be shown.

Transportation needs to meetings and special events are being discussed for possible solutions for those without transportation.

2. Legislative: Meeting tonight.

3. Meet the Candidates: Snyder and R. Wilson are scheduled to tape an announcement Thursday about upcoming events. Announcements have been sent to agencies, providers, and other key persons. Spread the word to others to attend the event. October 9. Another planning meeting will be held to complete the details for the event.

VII. Inter-Connections: The plan is to close for the day of the Sharing Hope Conference so everyone may attend.

VIII. RCAC/Affiliation :

- M. Wilson needs new releases.
- Concerns have been discussed about consumers being given sufficient notice to schedule PCP's.
- An alternate membership position is still open. Elections to fill the position will be next month. Transportation needs may need to be considered when making this decision.
- The next meeting will be in Livingston County.

IX. Conferences and Trainings:

- The IAPSRs Conference is September 26.
- 3 more persons are needed in order to hold another Speechcraft session. (Scheduled to start October 9) . Contact Ross if interested.
- Sharing Hope: October 25.

X. Misc./Announcements

Judge Margaret Noe's presentation is September 20. Attendance is encouraged. Ballingall did a spot on WLEN to announce the event.

XI. Reporting to the Board :

September 28: Snyder (and Venable)

October: Thompson (and T. Ackley)

November: M. Wilson

January: Barnes

XII. Agenda items for the next meeting , October 24.

- Ambassador Handbook : Ross and Beckey
- Election of an alternate for RCAC
- December meeting (Christmas)

MOTION by M. Wilson to adjourn at 10:35 AM SUPPORTED BY Snyder MOTION CARRIED.

Next meeting: October 24: 9:30 AM LCMHA Board Room