

Community Mental Health Affiliation of Mid-Michigan
Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2010

Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton-Eaton-Ingham Counties
812 E. Jolly Rd., Conference Rooms G-11 A & B
Lansing, Michigan

Present: Committee members: Heather Bell, CSR (Gratiot); Deborah Krieger (Manistee-Benzie); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Michael Mackin (Manistee-Benzie); Brittney Shalna, CSR (Manistee-Benzie); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo); Lori Swan (CEI); Rebecca West, CSR (CEI); Nicole Wright (CEI)

Other: Lisa Burt (CEI); Annette Fisher (Gratiot); Jennifer Stone-Glasby (CEI); Danielle Vance (Manistee-Benzie); Kim Zimmerman (Affiliation)

Call to Order: Nick Lawson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM, followed by introductions.

Agenda Review: It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Annette Fisher, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes: Heather Bell read aloud the minutes of the September 2 meeting. It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Michael Mackin, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was APPROVED.

Consumer Bulletin: Nick read his submission on the recent Health Expo held at CEI. The group reviewed each article; Dan Wrzesinski's submission will be reviewed for the next issue, due to its length. Becki West led discussion regarding the length of articles. Kim Zimmerman reminded the Council authors will be identified as consumers unless a request is submitted to be anonymous. All articles are to be submitted to Becki. Becki will revise the layout of the Bulletin as needed, and will bring a draft to the November meeting for final approval.

Council By-Laws: The By-Laws' revisions were reviewed by the group. There was controversy regarding paid staff, in-person attendance, and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson not from the same affiliate CMH. Nick requested an accounting per affiliate CMH of paid and unpaid members. Each section of the By-Laws was voted on separately with outcome as follows: It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Becki, to approve the "Purpose of the Council". The motion was APPROVED unanimously. It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Heather Bell, to approve the "Council Members". The motion was APPROVED unanimously. It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Nicole Wright, to approve the "Council Officers". The motion was APPROVED, with Michael Mackin dissenting. It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Annette, to approve "Council Voting". The motion was APPROVED unanimously. Kim will revise Affiliation Procedure 1.8 to match the approved By-Laws.

CMHSP Presentation: Heather reported on renovations to the Gratiot CMH building. Consumers are making improvements to the drop-in building, including new landscaping. Heather participated in a County health fair at the courthouse last month, and will be participating in a Health Fair at the Masonic Home on October 9. Consumer classes on hygiene and self care are being developed. A request has been made for the MSU Extension Office to make a presentation to consumers on budget grocery shopping and recipes. Voter registration information is being made available to consumers, including those living in the group homes. As Ionia does not currently have an Advisory Council representative, Manistee-Benzie will be making the November CMHSP presentation.

Affiliation Policy/

Procedure Review: Kim reviewed Affiliation Policy 2.0 Clinical Services, noting the revision made to comply with the Application for Renewal and Recommitment.

Local Updates: Nicole noted Charter House has new workstations, computers and portable tables. She extended an invitation to all to drop in for a visit.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM. The next meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, November 4, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Heinze
Affiliation Secretary

PURPOSE STATEMENT

- To assure that consumers shape the policies & practices of the Affiliation of Mid-Michigan & the State
- To determine the needs of consumers & to communicate those needs to appropriate parties. To improve the work of the Affiliation, so that it meets the needs of consumers, families, & other stakeholders
- To review & to make recommendations about the Affiliation's programs
- To make suggestions to the Director of Affiliation Operations
- To be advocates of system-wide change for consumers' rights & consumers' welfare
- To work as a team in a safe, friendly & respectful environment