

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

Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2012

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

Present: Committee Members: Julie Barron, CSR (CEI); Heather Bell, CSR (Gratiot); Judith Fryer (CEI); Anna Golliver (Newaygo); Beverly Helms (Ionia); Ellen Hicks (Newaygo); Deborah Krieger (Centra Wellness); Charlotte Lamb (Gratiot); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo); Angela Thrush (Gratiot); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo); Lori Swan (CEI); Rebecca West, CSR (CEI); Nicole Wright (CEI); Dan Wrzesinski, CSR (Centra Wellness)

Other: Tana Baker (Centra Wellness); Toby Bayless (Affiliation); Nancy Morton (Newaygo); Pamela Stants (CEI); Cheryl Stevenson (Centra Wellness); Kim Zimmerman (Affiliation)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Nicole Wright, chairperson, at 11:10 AM, followed by introductions.

Agenda Review: The following items were added to the agenda:

- Draft Council brochure – Heather Bell
- RICC – Tana Baker
- Other – Nick Lawson

It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Angela Thrush, to approve the agenda with additions. The motion was APPROVED.

**Approval of
Minutes:**

The minutes from the December 1, 2011 meeting were read by Charlotte Lamb. It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Deb Krieger, to approve the minutes as submitted. Discussion ensued. Toby Bayless requested change from “provide written consent forms” to “obtain signed consent forms”, and “Affiliation group meetings” to “Affiliation retreats”. The motion was APPROVED with the requested revisions.

Dual Eligibles Update: Pamela Stants stated she is serving on the Education, Outreach and Consumer Protection work group. Private sector consultants are facilitating work groups by posing questions to receive details. She explained discussions that occurred. The plan was sent to CMS, and a response is expected sometime this Spring. Nick expressed his concern that this information is not made available to consumers, and transportation poses a problem for attendance. Pamela

indicated she would look into the possibility of serving as a liaison to keep the Council updated on the dual eligibles issue.

RICC: Tana provided a handout on RICC (Regional Interagency Consumer Committee). She explained how the RICC works in the Manistee-Benzie area, and answered questions.

Group Activities: Kim Zimmerman explained she would be leading the group in effective communication exercises, following an introductory video. At the completion of the session she announced this is the first step in Person Centered Planning.

Other Business: Heather distributed a draft of the Council brochure. She requested members to review and provide feedback to her and Julie Barron during the February meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, February 2, 2012, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Conference Room G11-C, Lansing, Michigan.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned with Final Thoughts at 2:00 PM.

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