

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

Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2007

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); Jean Cowdery (Gratiot); William Crandell (CEI); Judith Kindel (CEI); Todd Koopmans (Newaygo); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Kim McKenzie, CSR (via phone – Manistee-Benzie); Jana Perez, CSR (Gratiot); Christine Riddlebaugh (Gratiot); Lavonda Smith, CSR (Newaygo); Bea Stevens, CSR (via phone – Newaygo); Pixie Stevens, CSR (Newaygo); Kimber Thompson (CEI); Rebecca West, CSR (Ionia)

Other: Toby Bayless (Affiliation); Kim Zimmerman (Affiliation)

Call to Order: Nick Lawson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Review & Approval

Of Minutes: The minutes of the April 5, 2007 meeting were read aloud by Judith Kindel. It was MOVED by Todd Koopmans and SUPPORTED by Jean Cowdery to approve the minutes. Nick noted he will not be reading during the Appreciation Dinner, and that Jana Perez will present the Andy Carlson award. MOTION PASSED with the noted revisions.

Grant Coordinator's

Report: Jana stated the training workshops for the puppeteers, consumers and/or professionals, need to be pulled together as soon as possible. Also, the introduction letter and marketing folders need to be finished. She proposed using a sunflower on these grant materials as it is known as the symbol for mental illness/stigma. Discussion ensued.

Grant Work: Kim Zimmerman announced the request for extension of the grant time beyond September 30, 2007 was denied by the Grant Coordinator. Therefore it was determined the presentations would be focused on alternative and summer school programs, day camps, church programs and parent-teacher groups which convene in August. Affiliation-wide there are 46 agencies that will receive the material. Kim has submitted a modified work plan to the Department of Community Health. She noted Heywood's contract has been adjusted accordingly, with verbal agreement; she is now waiting for the signed contract copy.

Grant Committee

Reports:

Quality Improvement

Julie Barron reported titles are needed for the surveys.

Education and Training

Julie read a draft letter to the group describing the puppet show presentations. Discussion ensued regarding the content and format. Kim Zimmerman emphasized all material must be approved by each affiliate agency before release.

Supply and Expenditure

Christine Riddlebaugh stated there was no report.

Promotion, Marketing, and Recruitment

Nick provided copies of a draft press release he wrote for use on radio, television and in newspapers. Discussion ensued. It was MOVED by Todd and SUPPORTED by Nick to accept the content of the draft contingent on individual approval of each affiliate agency. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Open Forum:

Todd encouraged everyone to contact the state legislators regarding the State budget crisis issue.

Jana asked for a list of appreciation dinner program participants. As there were no volunteers, she decided to develop the list herself.

Kimber Thompson distributed the handout of "Village of 100".

Christine announced there is now a free dental clinic in St. Johns for eligible Clinton and Gratiot county residents. She may be contacted for the telephone number and address.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, June 7, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Michigan in Conference Rooms G-11 A & B.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Heinze
Affiliation Secretary