

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

Meeting Minutes of September 6, 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 (Manistee-Benzie); Jana Perez, CSR (Gratiot); Christine Riddlebaugh (Gratiot); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo)

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

Call to Order: Nick Lawson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Agenda Review: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Review & Approval

Of Minutes: The minutes of the August 2 meeting were read aloud by Julie Barron. It was MOVED by Bill Crandell and SUPPORTED by Todd Koopmans to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Christine Riddlebaugh and Todd each gave a speech for nomination of Vice-Chairperson. The group voted anonymously. As three members were absent, their votes will be collected prior to the October meeting, at which time the announcement of the new Vice-Chairperson will be made.

Grant Coordinator's

Report: Jana Perez gave an update on the progress of the grant work, and the plan to give overviews at each affiliate site to market and promote the presentations. Julie explained the idea of using Bingo as a classroom activity. The Council members split into two work groups, (a) to finish the PowerPoint presentations, and (b) to work on creating more interactive exercises to be used in the school classrooms.

Grant Committee Reports:

The activities work group decided to hold a spelling bee at the elementary level, conduct a True or False game, and complete crossword puzzles. Julie will follow up on these ideas. The PowerPoint work group worked out the details that Jana will complete by the deadline.

Open Forum: Kim McKenzie reported on a booth she operated for Manistee-Benzie CMH at a local fair.

Julie raised the issue of adding an additional two members from CEI CMH to the Advisory Council. It was pointed out that the by-laws state each agency can have up to four members, plus their Customer Service Representative. Discussion ensued. It was requested that this issue be added the October meeting agenda for further discussion.

Judith Kindel suggested the group begin to rotate meetings sites to reduce travel for some members. It was noted this would create an issue for staff participation if meetings were not held at CEI CMH. Videoconferencing was offered as an option for Newaygo CMH and Manistee-Benzie CMH to promote their participation. Kim Zimmerman reminded the Council that CEI CMH needs to be notified in advance if videoconferencing is requested as the equipment must be reserved.

Jana gave an update on the back to school drive in Gratiot County, which was very successful.

Kim Zimmerman distributed copies of the by-laws and meeting minutes from August 12, 2004 that contained goals for the Council. The group discussed the need to restructure the Council and to review the purpose, by-laws, and membership. New goals need to be developed for the upcoming year, which will be on the October meeting agenda. Kim requested the group come prepared to discuss the new goals and to review the by-laws and Council purpose.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, October 4, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Michigan in Conference Rooms G-11 A & B.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Zimmerman/dh
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