

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

Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2007

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

Present: Committee Members: Julie Barron, CSR (CEI); Jean Cowdery (Gratiot); William Crandell (CEI); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Kim McKenzie, CSR (Manistee-Benzie); Robin Moody (Newaygo – via videoconference); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo – via videoconference); Bea Stevens, CSR (Newaygo – via videoconference); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo – via videoconference); Rebecca West, CSR (Ionia)

Other: Toby Bayless (Affiliation); Jeff Iciek (CEI)

Call to Order: Toby Bayless, Director of Affiliation Operations, called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM.

Agenda Review: Kim McKenzie requested to read media releases to the group. It was MOVED by Nick Lawson, and SUPPORTED by Robin Moody to accept the agenda as revised. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were read aloud by Kim. It was noted the October agenda listed the wrong date in item #3. The date should be September 4 rather than July 3. It was MOVED by Bill Crandell, and SUPPORTED by Nick, to approve the minutes as written, and make the indicated correction to the October agenda. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Public Forums: Toby distributed a flyer that Julie Barron read aloud to the group regarding upcoming public forums. Toby explained the importance of the forums to provide input regarding the concept paper that describes a five-year vision for improving the quality of public mental health services. Toby emphasized the importance of consumer feedback. Julie invited the members to participate in the October 7 public forum via videoconference at CEI.

Guest Presentation: Toby provided the group with the Affiliation Organizational Chart and Policy Development chart. He explained the organizational

chart, and followed the policy development process with those present. Several questions were answered. Toby offered to review the information during future meetings if additional questions should arise.

Work Groups: Kim read aloud several scripts developed as media releases regarding anti-stigma. Her examples were designed for radio, television, newspapers or brochures. It was noted each affiliate CMH must give approval for the use of the scripts.

Nick reported he, Heather Bell and Jean Cowdery have been collecting written educational material on mental health diagnoses. It has been difficult attempting to schedule presentations in schools due to previously scheduled events by the schools, and establishing credibility with the school districts. Discussion ensued concerning the whereabouts of the anti-stigma grant purchased materials. The members requested Kim Zimmerman provide them with an inventory of the grant materials, and copies of the DVD by Todd Heywood for each Council member.

Pixie Stevens reported a calling committee is collecting information on community resources to make into brochures and posters.

Julie and Becki West are working on the Advisory Council handbook, and continue to search for historical information. They are also considering using pictures from the annual appreciation dinner.

Other: Julie invited everyone to attend a support group event at CEI on October 6, 9:30 AM to Noon in the Atrium.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, November 6, 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