

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

Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2009

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); Jean Cowdery (Gratiot); Rebecca Gardner (CEI); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Janet Maki (CEI); Ann Merrifield (CEI); Robin Moody (Newaygo via videoconference); Paul Palmer (CEI); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo via videoconference); Bea Stevens, CSR (Newaygo via videoconference); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo via videoconference); Rebecca West, CSR (Ionia)

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

Guest: Charlotte Lamb, William Grandell

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

Agenda Review: Requests were made for the following items to be added to the agenda: Recognition Dinner (Nick), Public Relations Project (Judy Hazle, and Procedures (Kim Zimmerman).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were read aloud by Jean Cowdery. The minutes were approved as submitted by consensus.

Public Relations Project: Judy Hazle introduced herself as secretary to the CEI Executive Director, and explained that she has been working on a public relations project through the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards. The project is "Faces of Mental Health", and she is looking for consumer volunteers to participate. The volunteers signed consent forms and had individual pictures taken. Judy also announced the Walk A Mile event is scheduled for May 12.

Affiliation

Procedures: Kim Zimmerman distributed and reviewed Affiliation procedures 1.8, 6.3 and 7.5 with the Council. Those present approved the content by consensus. Kim reminded the group that if upon further review there were concerns, revisions can be requested for consideration at any time.

Mental Health

Advocate: Julie Barron shared an article, "Ten Who Inspire", from the AARP Magazine, and highlighted actress Glenn Close as a mental health advocate.

Anti-Stigma Grant

Inventory: Nick led a discussion regarding the inventory of items purchased with the money from the Anti-Stigma grant. Kim Zimmerman stated the inventory is complete, and items are stored at Gratiot CMH. Kim has the video camera and digital camera. The items that are missing will be located.

Recognition

Dinner: Nick explained the purpose of the Recognition Dinner to the new Council members. He has reserved the church for May 14, and has contacted three caterers. Julie will contact Colleen Jasper to see if she is willing to be the guest speaker. Discussion ensued regarding the theme, with several suggestions submitted for voting. "Look Closer At Me For Who I Am" was selected by majority vote. Nick asked for volunteers to read aloud during the program. Toby Bayless approved \$1,000 for the dinner budget.

Funding Equity

Presentation: Bob Sheehan, Executive Director of CEI, made a presentation to the Council on funding equity. He explained the advocacy approach and answered questions. Eight Council members volunteered to become involved in this process; their names and contact information will be forwarded to Bob by Debbie Heinze.

Final Thoughts:

Bill Crandell announced this was the last meeting he would be attending due to term limits. All present told Bill good-bye, and a cake was served in his honor and also in honor of Marvin Embry who also has reached the end of his term.

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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, March 5, 2009, 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