

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

**Meeting Minutes of June 4, 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); Todd Koopmans (Newaygo via videoconference); Charlotte Lamb (Gratiot); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Michael Mackin (Manistee-Benzie via videoconference); Kim McKenzie, CSR (Manistee-Benzie via videoconference); Ann Merrifield (CEI); 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)

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

**Guest Speaker:**    Toby Bayless introduced Chip Johnston, CEO of the Manistee-Benzie CMH. Chip told the members about his education and work experience that led to his present position. Julie Barron read aloud the ARR Section 6, and Chip explained how the response was developed. The group reviewed the CMHAMM response to this section, followed by discussion and feedback.

**Approval of Minutes:**       Heather Bell read aloud the minutes of the May 7 meeting. It was moved by Rebecca Gardner, and supported by Julie, to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was approved.

**Agenda Review:**    The following items were added to the agenda:  
Leadership training – Julie  
An announcement – Nick  
ARR Section 7 – Kim Zimmerman  
It was moved by Paul Palmer, and supported by Jean Cowdery, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion was approved.

**ARR Review:**       Rebecca Gardner read aloud the ARR Section 7. Toby led a discussion about improving services, answered questions, and took

feedback from the members. The established goals were reviewed. A request was made for a listing of acronyms used in the response to the ARR.

**HSAG Update:** Kim Zimmerman distributed a chart explaining the draft results of the Compliance Monitoring site review conducted by HSAG. She explained a plan of correction will be developed following the receipt of the final review results.

**Leadership  
Training:**

Julie announced she recently attended a leadership training, which resulted in doing a project to “make a difference”. She asked the Council to join her in a writing campaign addressing the budget cuts. She provided reference materials to assist with writing. Paul volunteered to take this to the Statewide DD Council to “put a name to a face”. He requested communication with him be via e-mail; his address is: [ppalmer471@aol.com](mailto:ppalmer471@aol.com) .

**Announcement:** Nick expressed his thanks for receiving the Andy Carlson award. He announced he has decided not to be the recognition dinner coordinator next year, as his term limit will be up following the fiscal year 2009-2010. He volunteered to mentor the next dinner coordinator, and suggested all former Advisory Council members be invited to the annual event. Discussion ensued. It was determined Kim McKenzie will be the recognition dinner coordinator.

**Local Updates:** Kim McKenzie stated she has been leading Gamblers Anonymous support group meetings, and will now begin a new group at the Oaks Correctional Facility.

Nick reported expenses for the recognition dinner came in under the budgeted amount.

Ann Merrifield requested better and increased publicity through CEI regarding future Walk-A-Mile events, as she was unaware of it until after it had occurred.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:00PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, August 6, 2009, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Michigan in Conference Rooms G-11 A & B.

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Respectfully submitted,

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