

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

Meeting Minutes of September 3, 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); Jean Cowdery (Gratiot); Rebecca Gardner (CEI); Charlotte Lamb (Gratiot); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Michael Mackin (Manistee-Benzie via videoconference); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo via videoconference); Bea Stevens (Newaygo via videoconference)

Other: Toby Bayless (Affiliation); Fran MacKay (Newaygo CMH)

Call to Order: Nick Lawson, vice chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:25 AM.

Agenda Review: It was MOVED by Nick, and SUPPORTED by Rebecca Gardner, to approve the agenda as written. The MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Approval of

Minutes: Charlotte Lamb read aloud the minutes of the August 6 meeting. Bea Stevens requested Fran MacKay be added to the attendance roster as visiting the Council meeting. The minutes were APPROVED as revised by consensus.

ARR Review: Toby Bayless announced he had received a memo from Mike Head of the Department of Community Health (DCH) regarding the Application for Renewal and Recommitment (ARR). Toby will be meeting with a review team to answer questions about CMHAMM's ARR submission. Julie Barron read the ARR Section 9 aloud. Discussion ensued regarding improving the clarity of this section. It was requested DCH provide a definition of "critical incident". Charlotte read the ARR Section 10 aloud. Toby answered questions, and reminded the Council members he is open to receiving feedback on the ARR at any time.

Communication

Concerns:

Toby stated the local consumer groups and the CMHAMM Advisory Council do not always communicate with each other, or with individual consumers. He asked for suggestions of ways to establish a process for two way communication. Discussion ensued. It was decided the Council will publish a newsletter or bulletin with contact names and numbers, including an e-mail address to submit consumer concerns. These concerns will be discussed during regular Advisory Council meetings. It was **MOVED** by Rebecca, and **SUPPORTED** by Julie, to establish the December meeting as the deadline for the first bulletin to be issued. The motion was **APPROVED**. Toby and Julie will draft a bulletin for discussion during the October meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Kim McKenzie withdrew her name as a candidate for the vice-chairperson position. Voting was conducted with Michael Mackin and Charlotte as candidates. Michael was elected Vice-Chairperson for fiscal year 2009-2010.

Updates:

Rebecca reported her attendance to a Council on Aging meeting, noting there is funding for housing with no age limits and better facilities. She will update the Council when the details for application are available.

Paul Palmer stated if consumers receive a letter from Medicaid or Medicare regarding a funding cut, call the telephone number provided in the letter right away.

Bea Stevens and Fran Mackay are starting a new recovery group in September. The group will write step by step plans to reach goals.

Julie has finished the PATH training, and will begin training at CEI.

Jean announced GREAT (the Gratiot Rehab, Education, and Training) is replacing the Club House.

Toby announced the Improving Practices Leadership Team (IPLT) is still open to consumer attendance. The meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 1 PM to 3 PM, at CEI with videoconference attendance available.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, October 1, 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