

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

Meeting Minutes of December 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); Deb Krieger (Manistee-Benzie); Charlotte Lamb (Gratiot); Nick Lawson (Gratiot); Michael Mackin (Manistee-Benzie); Kim McKenzie, CSR; (Manistee-Benzie); Ann Merrifield (CEI); Lavonda Smith (Newaygo); Pixie Stevens (Newaygo); Rebecca West (Ionia)

Other: Toby Bayless (Affiliation); Eric (Manistee-Benzie); Kim Zimmerman (Affiliation)

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

Agenda Review: “Procedure 5.2” and “QI Report” were moved to the January meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Charlotte Lamb read aloud the minutes of the November 5 meeting. It was MOVED by Deb Krieger, and SUPPORTED by Kim McKenzie, to approve the minutes. The motion was APPROVED.

Consumer Bulletin: The group discussed the process for completing and distributing the “Consumer Update” bulletin, noting the need for consistency with distribution. The first month of the quarter there will be an open discussion during the Council meeting. The second month of the quarter a draft bulletin will be brought to the meeting for feedback. The third month of the quarter the bulletin will go to the QI work group for feedback and approval. It was determined the final copy will be e-mailed to the CSR’s and QI representatives from each affiliate agency to distribute in their local communities. It will be made available in

common areas for consumers. Newaygo CMH is doing the next bulletin for the January/February/March quarter.

Art Council

Contest: Judy Hazle, Community Liaison from CEI, explained the upcoming art contest and asked the Advisory Council to judge the submissions. It was determined Council members will vote on the submitted pieces during the February 4 meeting, selecting two pieces that will represent the Affiliation.

Community Education

Article: Toby Bayless distributed and reviewed an editorial written by Bob Sheehan, CEI Executive Director, that will be published in the local newspapers. Toby encouraged Council members to advocate for completing something similar for their communities. Future meeting agendas will include discussions regarding how Council members can be more involved with advocacy and promoting information on funding inequity issues. The group agreed to publish Bob's article in the next "Consumer Update" bulletin.

Other Business: Discussion continued on planning for the May 2010 Recognition Dinner.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Affiliation Consumer and Stakeholder Advisory Council will be Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, Michigan in Conference Rooms G-11 A & B.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Zimmerman
CMHAMM Compliance Administrator