

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**Commission Meeting
April 25, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ken Lautzenheiser, Chairman
Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Ron Clark
Dale Copedge
Debbie De Leon
Allen Garbrecht
Jean Golden
Larry Gould
Bob Johnson
Gail Mahoney
Lisa McCafferty
Ben Miller
Ken Ponds
Robert Showers
Ralph Tillotson

ABSENT

Dan Alonzi
Hattie Oliver
Tim Purcell

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lautzenheiser called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In lieu of roll call, Mr. Lautzenheiser asked everyone to introduce themselves.

GUESTS:

Donald Wolosuk
Alan Platt, CEI/CMH-CATS Program
D.G. Mawn, CSII
Barbara O'Connor, Bridgeway-Jackson
Rod Macdonald, NCA/LRA
Sara Lurie, EISD/PPS
Kathy Davis, Child & Family Services
John R. Castillo, Cristo Rey
Doak Bloss, Ingham Co. Health Dept.
Dave Stinson, Lenawee Co.

STAFF:

Robin Reynolds, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Mgr.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005 AND MARCH 19, 2005

Ms. McCafferty stated the second bullet point on Page 2; the last sentence should read “the anticipated increase to the consumer purchasing a one liter bottle of liquor would be approximately 18 cents”, removing the words “this revenue would”.

Ms. McCafferty moved approval of the February 28, 2005 Minutes with the correction. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Lautzenheiser asked Mr. Tillotson to share with the entire Board his comments on FIA and child care funding, under Old Business, Item B.

Ms. Mahoney moved to accept the Agenda as amended. Mr. Ponds supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Mahoney moved approval of the March 19, 2005 Minutes as presented. Ms. McCafferty supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Retreat Summary

Doak Bloss, retreat facilitator, presented his summary report to the Board. Mr. Bloss noted changes will be made to the draft report and sent for final approval by the Board.

B. Program Director's Association Report

There was no report.

C. Director's Report

Ms. Reynolds commented on the White Paper which was mailed out. Mr. Brehler also commented on how the whole situation began. He noted there are some problems between CEI and Mid-South, with the suggestion being made that the two directors meet with any Commissioners interested to get all issues on the table and see how they can better work together. Mr. Lautzenheiser inquired as to the major points of contention. Mr. Brehler responded some, on the CEI side, are the fact that some of the CEI programs are losing money, the form of payment, and the preauthorization procedure. Mr. Showers stated his belief it is a managerial issue and managerial style and bookkeeping issues, adding it can be worked out. He also added his belief that the initial meeting at CEI was inappropriate. Mr. Copedge noted that the white paper was not made available to all “stakeholders”; many on this Board did not receive it, while the letter implies they did. Ms. Golden stated that, while not wanting to create an issue, the Board needs to go on record that it did not participate in this discussion, and its displeasure that it is represented that it did. Mr. Johnson stated, as he has in the past, his concern with the coordinating agency situation for Eaton County, and that he had asked Bob Sheehan how a small CA of Barry and Eaton counties would look, and the white paper came from that discussion. He added that he hasn't given up looking at other possibilities for Eaton County so it can be more in control of its programs.

Ms. Reynolds noted the other articles mailed out were for information, as was the flyer for the

Statewide Rally at Ford Field in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report Community Grant & PA2

Mr. Ponds stated the Bills to be Approved for March totaled \$803,749.56, noting there was one check voided in error. He reported Total Revenues for the month of \$984,320.16, Total Expenses of \$810,520.98, and Net Income of \$173,799.18. He also reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$3,408,160.10, and a Net Increase in Cash for March of \$160,965.01.

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Community Grant/PA2 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Medicaid

Mr. Ponds reported the Bills to be Approved for March totaled \$182,333.90; Total Revenues were \$202,011.42, Total Expenses of \$182,770.04, resulting in Net Income of \$19,241.38. He also reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$321,960.32, and a Net Increase in Cash of \$19,677.52.

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Medicaid Treasurer's Report. Mr. Gould supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Ponds presented the Medicaid PIHP Report, noting the balances for March as follows: CEI \$21,309.94; Lifeways \$(3,149.83); Venture-Calhoun \$(1,101.78); and Washtenaw \$6,889.67. Ms. Reynolds added that discussions with Venture have included ways to control spending, which is difficult since Medicaid is an entitlement program. She also noted that if Venture has some savings in Kalamazoo and Lakeshore CAs, perhaps some of those could be used here. Overall, Mr. Ponds stated there is a negative balance of \$46,429.31 as of March.

Mr. Ponds moved acceptance of the PIHP Report. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report

Ms. Golden reported the Committee received a program review of the following Ingham County programs: NCA/LRA, Child & Family Services, Cristo Rey, and Insight. She stated NCA had low scores due to internal issues, and the Committee encouraged them to continue pursuit of a merger. She added that Child & Family Services is performing well, and Cristo Rey is coming along, although they did have several delinquencies. Ms. Golden stated that Insight is experiencing problems with low financial review scores and another visit is scheduled.

Ms. Golden stated the Committee had an extensive discussion on the Lansing Teen Court proposal for additional funding. She explained that after discussion, the proposal was again tabled so Ingham County representatives can look into the Ingham County Juvenile Justice Millage and other sources of funding to determine if they could be used for the Teen Court.

Ms. Golden reported the recommendation to place SPGB Services on probationary status was reintroduced. She stated this recommendation was made due to non-compliance with contractual requirements and numerous financial and case note discrepancies found during recent site visits. Ms. Golden stated that there are several action items required of the program between now and September, which include having their Board Structure in compliance with licensing rules (9/30/05); sound accounting principles and financial internal controls implemented (9/30/05); a patient ledger/billing system implemented (May 05); a computer back-

up system implemented (9/30/05); 80% or higher on the financial review and no non-compliant files (May, 05); and no delinquent reports (immediate). She also reported staff will be making a return site visit in May to ensure items that are noted to be implemented by May, have been implemented. In addition, she noted another site visit will be conducted in September. , Ms. Golden stated the recommendation coming from the Committee will be to place the program on probation for the period April 1 through September, with a review in September, with the option of extension if all remedial actions are not complete.

Ms. Golden moved approval of the recommendation to place SPGB Services on probationary status from April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, for a site review in September 2005, and an option to extend the probationary status beyond September 30, 2005 if necessary. Mr. Brehler supported the motion. The motion carried.

Lastly, Ms. Golden reported the Committee received an update on prevention activities in the region.

Mr. Lautzenheiser stated that he participated in a conference call with Carol Hays regarding prevention efforts in Hillsdale County, and was optimistic his efforts to be pro active would mesh with the Strategic Plan.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Ms. Reynolds reported the Committee recommends approval of the Clinton County MPCB funding request for \$1,000.

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Clinton County MPCB request for \$1,000, paid from the local fund balance. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds also reported the Committee recommends approval of the Gratiot County MPCB request for \$1,000.

Ms. De Leon moved approval of the Gratiot County MPCB request for \$1,000, paid from the local fund balance. Mr. Johnson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds reported the Committee approved a request from Ionia County to pay Public Sector Consultants \$2,800 of PA2 dollars for a community dialog session recently held in Ionia. She added these PA2 dollars are left from when Kent County was their CA. She stated Ionia had sent Mid-South the \$2,800 for payment; we are a pass through.

Ms. McCafferty moved approval to pay \$2,800 to Public Sector Consultants for the Ionia County dialog session, from Ionia County PA2 dollars. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. MASACA Alcohol Tax Initiative

Ms. Reynolds stated that after last month's presentation from Capitol Services on the funding crisis, she prepared a Resolution as requested, to be sent to the Governor and legislators in support of increasing beer and alcohol taxes.

Ms. Golden moved approval of the Resolution. Ms. De Leon supported the motion.

Members found some changes to be made to the Resolution.

The motion was approved, with the changes made.

B. FIA/Child Care Fund Discussion

Mr. Tillotson and Mr. Stinson, guest Lenawee County Commissioner, provided to all members the information shared with the Executive Committee regarding the audit of the child care fund and possible large amounts of payback funding requirements. All were urged to share this information at their respective counties as ramifications could impact the substance abuse field.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.