

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**August 27, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood drive
East Lansing, Michigan**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie De Leon, Chairperson
Dan Alonzi
Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Jean Golden
Lynn Mason
Earl Poleski
Robert Showers
Ralph Tillotson
Bob VanBelzen
Jim VanDoren

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Barr
Cliff Herl
Jerry Michalowicz
Eusebio Solis

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. De Leon called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Poleski called roll; 13 present and 4 absent. One member arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2007

GUESTS:

Gary McCullough, MVA
Roy Vargas, MVA
Barbara O'Connor, B'way
Kelsey Winston
Lisa McCafferty, Ionia Health Dept.

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Treatment & Program
Development Manager
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coordinator

Mr. Showers moved approval of the minutes of July 23, 2007 as presented. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions offered.

Mr. Tillotson moved the agenda as printed. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. VanNorman noted the communications sent in the meeting packet, stating some were self-explanatory and for information. He noted with sadness the non-renewal of the fiduciary agreement with the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, adding staff is working to identify a replacement. Mr. VanNorman also briefly noted the closing of Sage Center, stating there are providers interested in assuming Sage's client load. He stated staff will be working to identify another provider for Lenawee County.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Report – G. VanNorman

Mr. VanNorman commented on the ODCP survey relative to avoiding cost overruns in substance abuse programs. He stated he was pleased ODCP asked the question. He also noted he had shared his response with other coordinators and had also received some of their responses.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Tillotson moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Community Grant/PA2 portion of the Treasurer's Report for July 2007 as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Tillotson moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Medicaid portion of the Treasurer's Report for July 2007 as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.

Program Development Committee Report – D. Copedge

Mr. Copedge reported the committee met with several items for discussion on the agenda, however none were action items. Ms. Mason thanked Mr. Hoepfner for providing the needs assessment data, and for adding a narrative footnote to it, which more clearly reflected need in Ionia County.

Executive Committee Report – D. De Leon

Ms. De Leon reported the committee met earlier in the day and had a discussion on budget and other issues.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. VanNorman reported the Ionia County Health Department was unable to secure accreditation, due to issues with subcontracted providers in the county. He added it is unlikely the state will grant another waiver. It was noted the cost of accreditation is prohibitive for smaller programs to get (anywhere from \$5,000 to \$20,000).

Mr. VanNorman reported the situation with Calhoun county is still undetermined; it is uncertain if they will be remaining in our region or not. He added business will continue on the assumption they will until we are told otherwise. He also stated if they do leave, budgets would need to be reworked, which could potentially impact both treatment and prevention.

Mr. VanNorman reported a meeting is scheduled among various Ingham county officials on issues in the Ingham County Jail.

Mr. Hoepfner spoke on the SPF SIG and how the dollars are being utilized.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Golden thanked staff for providing minutes from the board retreat in April. She also noted the need for additional time at meetings to be used for system work. She stated the work of the prevention department has been valuable, and that similar data would benefit treatment. Mr. VanNorman replied this work will happen at the Program Development Committee first.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.