

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

July 26, 2004 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Gail Mahoney, Chairperson
Dan Alonzi
Shirley Carter-Johnson
Ron Clark
Jean Golden
Larry Gould
Bob Johnson
Lisa McCafferty
Hattie Oliver
Ken Ponds
Bill Swint
Bob Showers
Ralph Tillotson

ABSENT:

Mary Balberde
Debbie De Leon
Dave Elwell
Ben Miller
Tom Minter
Maxine Vanlerberg

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mahoney called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Alonzi called roll; 12 present and seven absent. One member arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2004

Mr. Swint moved approval of the Minutes of June 28, 2004 as presented. Mr. Ponds supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

GUESTS:

Suzanne Horsfall, SACGBC
Michelle Liska, Prevention Partners
Kathy Davis, Child & Family Services
Sara Lurie, EISD/PPS
Christine Riddlebaugh, Gratiot Co. CMH

STAFF:

Robin Reynolds, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Tim Shafto, Prevention Coordinator

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Agenda as printed. Mr. Clark supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Director's Association Report

Ms. Kathy Davis, co-chair, reported some training topics have been identified for training of new program directors.

B. Director's Report

Ms. Reynolds reported the articles from the Lansing State Journal on acupuncture, and Jackson Citizen Patriot regarding the Home of New Vision, are for information.

Ms. Reynolds commented on the upcoming statewide Substance Abuse Conference, which is being held in Lansing on September 13 and 14. She noted that any Commission member who wished to attend should call the office.

Lastly, Ms. Reynolds stated the Issues Update from the Ingham County Controller is for information.

Ms. Golden asked that the occasion of Recovery Month, which is September, be added as an Agenda item, for a possible Resolution.

Ms. Reynolds provided an update on HB 5475, stating it hasn't moved yet. She noted she met with representatives of MAC last week regarding this Bill, who will meet with mental health officials, who have opposed the Bill. She added that so far, the Bill isn't being pushed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for June Community Grant & PA2

Ms. Roeser began with the List of Bills to be Approved, stating they are reflected in general checks 12144 through 12220, and payroll checks 4030 through 4055, and total \$701,943.54. She noted significant checks as follows: 12152 was voided and reissued 12153 for an incorrect amount; 12186 is for attorney fees regarding the NCA cash advance; and there were several payments for drug courts, which will be ongoing from now on; and several payments for prevention capacity. Ms. Reynolds commented on the drug court funding, stating that eventually there will be some funding to pay for these courts. In response to Mr. Ponds' question as to whether all of the counties will have a drug court, Ms. Reynolds stated that eventually they will. She added, however, that the Legislature needs to be reminded that drug courts will require treatment, and more treatment dollars will be needed.

Turning to the Income Statement, Ms. Roeser reported revenues should be at 75% at this juncture, and is currently 68.17%. For the month, she reported Total Revenue of \$617,458.35, and year-to-date of \$5,902,823.08. She also reported that the Newaygo County PA2 dollars were received, and were \$51,770.05 more than expected, which is due to the pass through for fiscal year 02/03 which Mid-South will reimburse programs who provided services. She also reported Eaton County PA2 dollars came in, which will be reflected in next month's report. Ms. Roeser stated all of the expenses shown are based on the budget amendments, which are effective on July 1. She also noted that ABW now shows a budget amount, and pooled funding for Ionia and Newaygo counties is gone. For the CA, Ms. Roeser reported Total Expenses of \$71,987.56 for the month, and \$654,730.80 year-to-date, which is a 72.12% draw down. She continued by reporting PA2 Other expenses of \$496.25 for the month and \$49,821.06 year-to-date; State and PA2 Funded Subcontracts expenses of \$613,742.55 for the month and \$4,632,818.37 year-to-date; Other Subcontracts expenses of \$40,418.85 for the month and \$338,359.22 year-to-date. She

added Total Expenses for the month were \$726,645.21 and \$5,675,729.45 year-to-date, which resulted in Net Income for the month of \$(109,186.86) and \$227,093.63 year-to-date. On the Balance Sheet, Ms. Roeser reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$4,786,826.82. She noted that automobile expense has been put back after being accidentally removed. Lastly, on the Statement of Cash Flow, Ms. Roeser noted the Beginning Balance of \$(4,666,419.86), Ending Balance of \$4,579,408.67, which resulted in a Net Decrease in Cash of \$(87,011.19).

Medicaid

Ms. Roeser reported the Bills to be Approved, reflected in checks 2470 through 2504, totaled \$212,705.39. She continued by stating Total Revenues for the month were \$210,841.33 and \$1,930,202.76 year-to-date; Total Expenses were \$210,605.39 for June, and \$1,502,707.82 year-to-date; and Net Income for the month of \$235.94 and \$427,494.94 year-to-date. Ms. Roeser reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$433,245.01. She continued by reporting the Statement of Cash Flow has a Beginning Balance of \$(531,391.26), an Ending Balance of \$527,064.20, which resulted in a Net Decrease in Cash of \$(4,327.06) for the month.

Reporting on the Medicaid Second Quarterly Report, Ms. Roeser noted a balance in CEI of \$146,616.22, LifeWays of \$776.90, Venture-Calhoun of \$(22,519.60), Venture-Berrien as always is zero, and Washtenaw of \$8,928.72, for an overall balance of \$128,026.00.

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Mr. Clark supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Mahoney noted the Program Development Committee and Executive Committee did not meet this month.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Mid-South Regional Prevention Plan

Ms. Reynolds reminded members the process to arrive at this Plan started last year, and that the finished product is quite different from how the Commission has previously conducted business. She added staff is excited about this change, which will have measurable outcomes, but these changes are significant and will require more work for Commission staff and the providers. Ms. Reynolds continued by stating the first year will be a transition year, with Mid-South staff partnering with the providers to enable them to provide the services, adding that the programs are not expected to change overnight. Ms. Reynolds also reported this Plan, after approval, will be formally presented to the providers on August 2nd, after which time they will begin working on their plans for submission to the Commission.

Mr. Tim Shafto, the Commission's Prevention Coordinator, spoke about this plan, stating his belief it is a good plan. He noted there are six goals included in this plan, which are:

- Coalition Development
- Data Driven Decision-Making
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Special Targeted Drug-Methamphetamine
- Special High-Risk Populations

Mr. Shafto reported the first year is for development of substance abuse coalitions and plans for how they will spend substance abuse dollars. He added staff will work on a county level to support the coalitions doing what the Commission just completed; looking at data, community needs and resource scans, archival data and other risk/protective data that may exist. The goal is to drive services based on data collected, and this is how outcome measurements will be obtained. He also noted among the four goal areas, there is a growing concern with methamphetamine use in the state. He explained that data used for this goal statement and objectives has to do with seizures, meth lab busts, and treatment admissions. Mr. Shafto added that the Commission will be working with three counties to develop and look at meth around the objectives established, information which will eventually be shared with the entire region.

Mr. Shafto stated that 60% of resources will be allocated to the first two goals, and providers will need to focus on spending 60% of their allocation towards this end. He also noted it was determined to only fund evidence-based programs from now on. He explained that this means programs should be conceptually sound and internally consistent, program activities should be related to conceptualization, and reasonably well implemented and evaluated. He noted there will be very little evaluation with this programming, and that programs will be asked to select programming with evaluation tools already developed.

Mr. Shafto also stated it has been decided to not have separate specialty contracts now that there is a plan, and if a community wants a new prevention plan, they will have to work through their community coalition, then come before the Commission for funding consideration.

Mr. Shafto explained the time line as follows. For the prevention providers, their AAP for this year will be the implementation plan; they will look at the six goals and write a plan based on what is reflected in the data. He noted time will be set aside between August 2 and the plan due date for providers to meet with Commission staff to ask questions. Ms. Reynolds stated the prevention providers will be paid on an expense based reimbursement method, and if they don't meet guidelines (outcomes) they will not be allowed to continue providing the service. She also stated her expectation that only one plan per county will be submitted, from a provider located in that county, and if there are two or more providers in a county, they will need to collaborate on a plan.

Mr. Alonzi asked if other regions are doing this. Ms. Reynolds responded they are not, and that the state has applied for a new grant which is similar to this. Mr. Alonzi commented on the amount of dollars versus extra work for a provider, asking if a provider should leave, what would happen. Ms. Reynolds responded an RFP would be let out. Ms. Golden asked if the school systems are a key piece of this, and if not, there is a lot of opportunity at that level. Mr. Shafto responded the schools are included in the mix.

Discussion turned to the establishment of the coalitions, with Mr. Johnson asking who they are, who will set them up, if they will be funded for work the Commission will be asking them to do, and how will they work. Ms. Reynolds replied the hope is to have volunteers, and that the Commission expects to fund them in some fashion. Discussion continued for a long time, especially surrounding funding issues and funding decision making, with the following amendments proposed:

- All selected proposals to the Mid-South Board for approval
- Board to see all proposals received, recommended or not
- Coalitions serve in an advisory role only

- Mid-South Board makes final decisions on funding
- Report to Program Development Committee and Executive Committee on a regular basis

Ms. Golden moved acceptance of the Regional Prevention Plan, as amended. Mr. Showers supported the motion.

In response to Mr. Ponds' question on who would review proposals to see if they are what they should be, Ms. Reynolds stated it would be the prevention staff.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Suzanne Horsfall spoke, thanking the Commission for support over the years. She noted that the SIG process falls nicely in line with the new prevention plan. Ms. Horsfall noted she was looking forward to continued support from the Commission, especially for the Coalition. She added the new plan will create something new, although she was unsure if what is being proposed will be the same in each county; all will be different and technical assistance and skill building will be key elements. She noted it will be important for providers to support each other and share their expertise.

Ms. Kathy Davis commented on concern voiced last month at the public hearing that there are no IOP programs for adolescents in Ingham County except for the one at Insight. She stated Child & Family Services has one which has been up and running for approximately three weeks. She added adolescent IOP is very challenging and providers seem to be working against one another, making it difficult for one to

have a census and do well. Ms. Davis also noted Insight and CFS have different clientele due to block grant and Medicaid funding. She added CFS's services are going now and they are committed to addressing the community's needs as best they can. She also noted that her agency has not heard the concerns addressed by representatives of Insight.

Ms. Michelle Liska reported she had a Position Paper from ALSAO from Judi Cates on the liquor tax increase for Ms. Reynolds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.