

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

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

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Ken Lautzenheiser, Chairman
Joe Brehler
Ron Clark
Dale Copedge
Debbie De Leon
Ross Fulton
Jean Golden
Larry Gould
Robert Johnson
Lisa McCafferty
Ben Miller
Robert Showers
Ralph Tillotson

ABSENT:

Dan Alonzi
Shirley Carter
Allen Garbrecht
Hattie Oliver
Ken Ponds

GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS
Kathy Davis, Child & Family Services
Patricia Wheeler, NCA/LRA
Allen Platt, CEI/CMH/Cats Program

STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lautzenheiser called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2005

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Minutes of June 27, 2005 as written. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

Mr. Tillotson moved to accept the Agenda as printed. Mr. Fulton 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 the Association did not meet.

B. Director's Report

Ms. Reynolds stated the final report from the Strategic Plan Retreat was mailed out, and now the question is what should be done with it. Ms. Golden stated that the Board is the policymaking part of the operation, and this is the policy for the Commission. She added an outline from staff on how the directives will be implemented and how to distribute the operational resources to achieve this would be helpful. She also asked what staff needs that is not already provided to accomplish what is in the plan. She further stated the committees can support staff recommendations for policy directions.

Mr. Gould moved to accept the Strategic Plan document and place it on file and to make it available for circulation as deemed necessary (part of the next Annual Report). Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brehler questioned what staff should be expected to do. He added as programs are brought before the Commission, members will need to ask how they advance the goals that were set at the Retreat, and to look at the programs and how they advance the goals. Ms. De Leon stated a tool needs to be identified to show how the goals are being applied to measure ourselves. Mr. Clark stated "quality assurance" seems vague for the providers, and that more specifics were needed, i.e., demonstrate impact, a mechanism for gathering data, etc. Mr. Lautzenheiser agreed with Ms. Golden in that, if this is policy, and if all agree on the seven issues, it requires staff to define objectives within the seven issues. He added that measuring progress involves the objectives, who will work toward the objectives, time lines, and measurement against growth to see how close we come to the goals set. He continued by stating this will involve all providers who will have input into it, and getting better acquainted with our providers to get a better understanding of what is happening in the field.

Ms. Reynolds discussed the handouts regarding PA2 funding, which is at risk. She stated the Senate has identified \$6 million of PA2 funds to be used as a revenue source to replace revenue sharing lost for cities and townships, of which \$3 million would be substance abuse funding and \$3 million from the county's general fund. She added there were two scenarios used: the first was a proportional reduction among all 83 counties, and the second is a cut run through the formula. Ms. Golden stated her belief that it's time to inform legislators that the way to deal with substance abuse is to increase the tax on beer and spirits, which will also result in an immediate and significant decrease in use by those under age 21. Some good opportunities to both educate legislators, bringing in needed additional dollars, and helping with substance abuse issues. Mr. Miller agreed, adding that unless the field is prepared to contribute to each lobbyist's campaign, there is no way anyone can win over the liquor, beer and wine industry.

Ms. Reynolds also reported a copy of HB 4064 was sent out; this is the Bill that would amend the PA2 language to say the counties do not have to give half of their liquor tax dollars to coordinating agencies, but if they choose to, the funds would fund drug courts, whereas the dollars now fund treatment. She continued by stating the House shows substance abuse losing \$750,000; \$500,000 for coordinating agencies and \$250,000 in SDA funds. Mr. Lautzenheiser reported he had lunch with Rep Caswell, who introduced the PA2 legislation. Ms. Reynolds also reported she and some MASACA colleagues met with Rep. Caswell, and he is willing to hold the bill to January for further discussions.

Lastly, Ms. Reynolds stated the latest Annual Report is complete, and commended Ms. Kronquist on a job well done. Ms. Golden asked if the next Annual Report could be produced earlier.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Community Grant and PA2

Ms. Roeser reported the Bills to be Approved for June totaled \$702,634.92. On the Income Statement, she reported Total Revenues for June of \$863,401.77 and \$6,631,610.95 year-to-date, noting that all PA2 dollars have now been received. For the Administrative budget, Ms. Roeser reported Total Expenses of \$67,762.39. Other totals reported were Other Funding Sources expenses were \$420.00 for the month, State and PA2 Funded Subcontracts expenses of \$604,919.90, Other Subcontracts totaled \$34,586.19, which resulted in Total Expenses of \$707,688.48. Net Income for the month was \$155,713.29 and \$874,329.34 year-to-date. On the Balance Sheet, Ms. Roeser reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$4,514,578.82, and from the Statement of Cash Flow, she noted the Beginning Balance of \$(3,767,974.76), the Ending Balance of \$3,940,767.53, which resulted in a Net Increase in Cash of \$172,792.77.

Medicaid

Ms. Roeser reported for Medicaid the Bills to be Approved for June totaled \$197,801.39. On the Income Statement, she reported Total Revenues for the month of \$193,513.91, Total Expenses of \$197,801.39, and Net Income of \$(4,287.48). Ms. Roeser continued to the Balance Sheet, reporting Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$235,416.21. On the Statement of Cash Flow, she reported the Beginning Balance of \$(367,176.65), the Ending Balance of \$362,889.17, which resulted in a Net Decrease in Cash of \$(4,287.48).

On the Medicaid PIHP Report, Ms. Roeser reported the balances as follows:

- CEI \$27,603.71 for June and \$132,305.95 year-to-date
- LifeWays \$(107.39) for June and \$(7,453.53) year-to-date
- Venture-Calhoun \$(4,329.14) for June and \$(61,616.57) year-to-date
- Washtenaw \$5,578.75 for June and \$31,104.79 year-to-date
- PEPM received to-date of \$1,862,440.00
- FY 03/04 savings applied of \$61,310.00
- YTD interest earned of \$3,378.68
- Services paid out to-date of \$1,350,973.13
- CDR services paid to date of \$129,674.97
- Administrative services paid to-date of \$172,499.94
- Overall balance remaining of \$94,340.64

Mr. Tillotson reported on discussion at the Executive Committee surrounding Venture and their continual negative balance, now at approximately \$61,000. He indicated members have questions on how this balance will be repaid to Mid-South, either via pooled funding or their ISF, and the consensus was to invite representatives from Venture to a future Board Meeting to discuss these concerns. Mr. Showers stated the purpose of the meeting will be to communicate our fiduciary responsibility, and how to best resolve the situation.

Mr. Fulton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Clark supported the motion. The motion carried.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Venture situation. Mr. Johnson pointed out that Calhoun County serves a large number of Medicaid clients, whereas CEI sees fewer, so maybe CEI should be questioned why they see less. Ms. Roeser stated the state figured the formula for the PEPM and Calhoun County received less than Ingham County. Ms. Reynolds stated she would be in contact with Venture to request financial information on the ISF, savings, etc, and to invite them to attend a future Commission meeting.

B. Program Development Committee Report

Ms. Golden reported a majority of the meeting was spent discussing the Ingham County DARE funding proposal. She reported the Committee is consistent in its thinking that this programming may not be relevant to the Commission's mission for substance abuse treatment and prevention services. She also noted the Committee reviewed pre and post-test survey results, which showed there was no significant change in attitudes/behaviors with regard to cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol among the students surveyed. Ms. Golden stated the Committee recommends continuing to wean the DARE program from its dependence on substance abuse dollars, and grant them \$27,481 of Ingham County PA2 funding for 2006. Mr. Showers stated the Executive Committee concurred with this recommendation.

Ms. Golden moved to approve \$27,481 to the Ingham County Sheriff's Office for the DARE Program for 2006, to be paid from Ingham County PA2 funds. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Golden reported the Committee also received a review of the Prevention Strategic Plan process.

Ms. Golden further reported the Committee reviewed the funding proposal from the Home of New Vision, requesting continuation funding in the amount of \$51,300. She stated the Committee recommends its approval.

Ms. Golden moved approval of the Home of New Vision funding proposal in the amount of \$51,300, to be paid from Jackson County PA2 funds. Mr. Brehler supported the motion. The motion carried.

C. Executive Committee Report

Mr. Lautzenheiser reported all Agenda items were already covered.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. McCafferty reported the Ionia County Health Department just took large cuts in their hearing and vision programs, which equate to 70% of their budget for 2006.

Mr. Fulton noted that MAC is fighting the proposed PA2 cuts. He added it is MAC's feeling the state is balancing the budget on the backs of the counties again this year, after doing it last year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.