

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**January 22, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.
1st Floor Conference Room, Hilliard Building
121 E. Maple Street
Mason, Michigan**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dan Alonzi
Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie De Leon
Jean Golden
Lynn Mason
Robert Showers
Bob VanBelzen

ABSENT:

Kim Crowel
Gail Mahoney
Jerry Michalowicz
Honey Minkowitz
Ralph Tillotson

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alonzi called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. He introduced Lynn Mason and Bob VanBelzen, both new members appointed from Ionia and Newaygo counties, respectively. All around the table made introductions.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Showers called roll; nine present and four absent. One member arrived after roll call.

GUESTS:

Lisa McCafferty, Ionia Health Dept.
Larry Tiejema, Ionia County
Kelsey Winston, Jackson Co.
Judith Cates, CEICMHA
Ericanne Spence, CEICMHA
Joe Kuchenbuch, Psych. Consultants
Peggy Phelps, CDRS

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coordinator
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Mgr.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2006

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Minutes of November 27, 2006 as presented. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under Committee Reports was item C-3, Request for funding realignment for HOC detox unit.

Mr. Densmore moved the agenda as amended. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry Tiejema, Ionia county commissioner, addressed the Commission, to express his thanks to Mid-South for bringing Ionia County into the region. He stated they were previously aligned with the MINK coordinating agency and that arrangement did not work for Ionia County citizens needing substance abuse services. He also expressed this thanks for Mid-South's willingness to work with the Ionia County Health Department for the provision of services through several providers in the county, which will benefit residents. Mr. Tiejema also commented on the use of fee based contracts as opposed to performance contracts. He asked that Mid-South consider using performance based contracts which will be for the betterment of the health providers in Ionia County. Lastly, he commented positively on Ms. Mason as a county representative for Ionia County.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report - G. VanNorman

Mr. VanNorman reported the state contract is signed, and he was reviewing it to assure all requirements are being addressed.

Mr. VanNorman stated staff has been working with LifeWays on resolution of their deficit, and the latest correspondence indicates we will receive payment so CEI can be repaid. He also noted utilization and access are being scrutinized to assure overages don't happen again.

Mr. VanNorman commented briefly on the DRA (Deficit Reduction Act) noting specific information will be provided to Board Members and staff will be trained on aspects of it. He added this needs to be done because Mid-South receives Medicaid dollars.

Mr. VanNorman reported he would be attending the February 1, 2007 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meeting to address issues surrounding receipt of their PA2 dollars for last year.

Mr. VanNorman stated the finance department is holding the final Human Aid check pending instructions on where it is to be sent.

Mr. VanNorman reported the Mid-South AAP was submitted to the State for their review. He reported they have said there most likely will be no further updates to it.

Mr. VanNorman stated staff is working on gaining efficiencies in what is done in the office.

Mr. VanNorman reported that four counties have submitted letters for consideration to move within PIHP regions. He noted Cass County had received permission to move from the Lakeshore CA region to Kalamazoo CMH. He indicated he did not think this was a prelude for things to come but an accommodation of what those counties wanted to do. Mr. VanNorman stated there is still no word one way or another on Calhoun County's request.

Lastly, Mr. VanNorman reported that MASACA wants to establish a PAC. He added he didn't see this as being an important issue at the moment. He stated PAC's have specific guidelines which are usually positive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for December 2006

Ms. De Leon moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December 2006 as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report

The Committee did not meet in January.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation to approve \$1,000 of Ingham County PA 2 funds to be paid to CEICMHA for sponsorship of the Susan Ford Bales presentation on March 5, 2007. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Mason moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation for continued development of a contract with the Ionia County Health Department for the provision of substance abuse treatment services, based on the remaining 06/07 funds from Human Aid. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. De Leon moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation to provide an additional \$67,700 for two additional beds at the House of Commons detox program. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.

D. Nominating Committee

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2007:

Chairperson	Ingham County
Vice Chair	Clinton County
Treasurer	Lenawee County
Secretary	Jackson County

Ms. Golden moved approval of the Nominating Committee recommendation for the Slate of Officers for 2007 as presented. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Alonzi moved Commission approval of actions taken by the Executive Committee at the December 18, 2006 meeting; approval of the Gratiot County RFP Award to Addiction Solutions Counseling Center. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion.

In response to Ms. Golden's question as to whether Addiction Solution's proposal had been reviewed by the Program Development Committee, Ms. Kronquist said it had not been, but could be scheduled, with the program director attending.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Judi Cates addressed the Commission, offering thanks for support of the HOC detox program. She noted the budget is within \$20,000 of being balanced at this time, and that Adult Mental Health Services has said they will increase the number of beds they contract for. She added the community response has been good with many feeling this service is needed.

Ms. Cates invited all members to attend the Susan Ford Bales program on March 5, 2007 at the Lansing Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.