

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**January 26, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Hilliard Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
121 E. Maple Street
Mason, Michigan**

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Showers, Chair
Joe Brehler
Jan Bunting
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie DeLeon
Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff
Jean Golden
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Stan Nieboer
Earl Poleski
Deborah Smith
Ralph Tillotson

GUESTS:

Ericanne Spence, CEI-CMHA
Lisa McCafferty, ICHD

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Mary Kronquist, Treatment Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Barr
Jim VanDoren

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Showers called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Mason called roll; 15 present and two absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Mr. Poleski moved approval of the minutes of November 24, 2008 as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the agenda as printed. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Showers congratulated Ms. DeLeon on her election as chair of the Ingham County Board and Mr. Brehler as chair of the Eaton County Board. He also introduced two new members; Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff representing Jackson County, and Commissioner Stan Nieboer representing Newaygo County.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman briefly discussed the letter proposed to be sent to the Gratiot County Commissioners. He noted its purpose is to ask for their support to get the Intercounty Agreement finalized and to put any past issues to rest. Some minor changes were made to it.

Mr. Herl moved the modified version of the letter to Gratiot County Commissioners be sent under the signatures of the chair and executive director. Ms. DeLeon supported the motion. Discussion ensued.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. VanNorman briefly reported on the following items:

- All Mid-South policies are in need of updating. This will be accomplished over the next several months through the appropriate committee process;
- Medical marijuana. No CA has taken a position on this. Much controversy over the proposed rules by MDCH from both supporters of it and those opposed.
- Don Allen has left the ODCP having been appointed by the governor as judge of the 55th District Court in Ingham County. Deb Hollis has replaced him on an acting basis.
- Mid-South received \$31,000 more in SPF-SIG funding for each of the counties of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton. Other counties already engaged received an additional \$6,000.
- Staff is studying census at Birchtree Cottage to try and determine if programming is sustainable.
- Board Orientation is scheduled for February 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 at the Commission office. All members are welcome to attend if they so wish.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2008

Ms. DeLeon moved to accept the Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2008 as presented. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

A final close-out report for FY07/08 was presented for information.

Mr. Copedge moved approval for an additional three months funding (\$72,000) be allocated to Birchtree Cottage, allowing staff time to assess continuation of the program. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Bunting voting no.

Mr. Poleski moved to concur with the staff recommendation to provide additional funding (\$54,000) to Clearview to amend their current allocation. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Nominating Committee Report

Following is the slate of officers for 2009 as recommended by the Committee:

- Ralph Tillotson, Chair
- Earl Poleski, Vice Chair
- Joe Brehler, Treasurer
- Lynn Mason, Secretary

Mr. Poleski moved approval of the Slate of Officers as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the proposed meeting schedule for 2009. Ms. DeLeon supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Smith reported on a large research grant proposal recently filed. It should be known by March 9th if it is awarded. She also reported on research she is doing on women and alcoholism and 12 step programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.