

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

March 27, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dan Alonzi, Chairman
Joe Brehler
Brian Calley
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie De Leon
Allen Garbrecht
Jean Golden
Larry Gould
Bob Johnson
Gail Mahoney
Ken Ponds
Ralph Tillotson

GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS
Jay DeWispelaere, PRIDE Youth Program

STAFF:

Robin Reynolds, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manger
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Manager

ABSENT:

Ross Fulton
Jim Gallant
Ben Miller
Bob Showers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alonzi called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Alonzi stated since Mr. Showers was not present; Ms. Griffin would take roll at the table.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2006

Ms. Griffin reported there was one change to the Minutes. She stated the copies provided did not indicate if Ms. Carter was present or absent at the February meeting, when in fact she was present. Ms. Griffin stated the correction has been made.

Ms. Mahoney moved approval of the Minutes of February 27, 2006 with the amendment noted. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under the Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report was #5, Ingham County Health Clinic Proposal, with the Executive Director Contract and Performance Evaluation becoming #6.

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Agenda as amended. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Reynolds commented on the letter regarding the Freedom of Information request made by an attorney in Calhoun County. She stated she was unsure who he is working for, but response was provided, sending composite budgets for the years requested. Ms. Reynolds also reported the articles from the Jackson Citizen Patriot on underage drinking and zero tolerance is for information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for February 2006

Ms. De Leon presented the Bills to be Approved which totaled \$623,307.04. She further reported Total Revenues of \$557,765.85 for the month and \$2,869,427.36 year-to-date; Total Expenses of \$568,105.04 for the month and \$3,079,166.86 year-to-date, resulting in Net Income of \$(10,419.19) for the month and \$(209,739.50) year-to-date. On the Balance Sheet, Ms. De Leon reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$3,434,865.35. On the Statement of Cash Flow, she noted the Beginning Balance of \$(3,386,815.19), the Ending Balance of \$3,317,515.45, resulting in a Net Decrease in Cash of \$(69,299.74) for the month.

For Medicaid, Ms. De Leon reported the Bills to be Approved totaled \$143,286.93. On the Income Statement she reported Total Revenues for the month of \$130,151.42, Total Expenses of \$141,188.58, resulting in Net Income of \$(11,037.16). On the Balance Sheet, she reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$428,638.33. Ms. De Leon reported from the Statement of Cash Flow, the Beginning Balance of \$(441,773.84), the Ending Balance of \$428,638.33, which resulted in a Net Decrease in Cash of \$(13,135.51).

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

- CEI \$3,881.62 for the month and \$128,531.17 year-to-date
- LifeWays \$(24,795.90) for the month and \$(70,505.63) year-to-date
- Venture \$1,118.85 for the month and \$8,833.54 year-to-date
- Washtenaw \$23,028.75 for the month and \$(3,222.78) year-to-date
- PEPM received \$915,387.21
- YTD interest earned \$3,356.11
- Services paid out YTD \$700,371.52
- CDR services \$66,300.49
- Administrative costs \$88,435.01
- **Balance of \$63,636.30**

Ms. De Leon moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2006 as presented. Ms. Mahoney supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report

The Committee did not meet in February.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Ms. Mahoney to accept the motion from the Executive Committee regarding the request from Central Diagnostic & Referral Services, to seek legal advice from the Commission's attorney. Ms. De Leon supported the motion.

Ms. Reynolds explained the issue in question is the definition of direct service in the coordinating agency, and whether it is or is not allowed; and the motion is for Mid-South to seek the opinion of the attorney as to the law. She stated some CAs are moving their CDR services in-house, and whenever a mental health agency becomes a CA they typically do the same. Ms. Reynolds reported there is now a lawsuit filed in an attempt to get clarification to these questions.

Ms. Golden stated her understanding of the issue at hand, and stated for it to be properly addressed and that discussion needs to go beyond filing a lawsuit—conversation needs to be forced on where substance abuse falls in the system-as-a-whole, whether PA 368 is still in effect, and if so, who enforces it. She stated the need to go to the legislature, and if the issue is not raised up, substance abuse will end up in mental health. She added she did not feel a lawsuit would precipitate conversation taking place.

Ms. Reynolds stated MASACA has submitted a proposal which would address all administrative rules. In addition, there are currently rule changes submitted to the legislature to expand the administrative service definition, and a waiver for the CA to do direct service if no other provider is identified.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Alonzi reported the Executive Committee approved renewal of employee health insurance benefits, with a change in the prescription coverage to \$10/25/40 coverage.

Mr. Johnson moved approval of the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of employee health benefits, changing to a \$10/25/40 prescription plan. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion.

Ms. Kronquist reported that the change, if approved, would also change the Plan the employees are currently covered under, which was not the intent. She explained if the Plan were changed, it would mean added deductible and co-pay for health care expenses, in addition to 7% of the premium cost the employees currently pay.

Mr. Tillotson stated there should be no vote if everyone does not understand what they are approving. He added he has no problem supporting what has been approved in the past, but would like to look at coverage in six months to make certain what is offered is sufficient. Mr. Johnson asked if anyone will need to be laid off once Calhoun County pulls out, and that ways need to be found to cut administrative expenses. Ms. Mahoney pointed out that the remaining counties may benefit when Calhoun leaves.

Vote called on the motion. The motion failed.

Ms. Mahoney moved to accept the staff recommendation to remain with the current health plan, with the exception of dental, life and disability, which is less expensive switching to Guardian, and with the staff continuing to pay 7% of the premium cost. Ms. De Leon supported the motion.

Ms. Mahoney also asked that next year at least three months in advance, that health insurance bids be presented to the Commission for their review. Mr. Gould stated it should be the goal to keep the best insurance affordable for the employees, with them sharing in the cost.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds briefly addressed the Calhoun County issue, stating the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to designate Summit Pointe as their CA, effective October 1, 2006. Depending on a formula used, she reported between \$240,000 and \$400,000 would be lost by Calhoun County. She also noted meetings will need to be set up to determine the disposition of assets.

Ms. Mahoney moved the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of the Ingham County Health Clinic Proposal, for up to \$17,595 of Ingham County PA2 dollars for continuation funding. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

At this time, Ms. Reynolds requested a Closed Session for purposes of her Performance Evaluation.

Ms. Mahoney moved the request for a Closed Session. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Commission moved to Closed Session at 7:25 p.m to conduct the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

The meeting reopened at 7:35 p.m.

Mr. Brehler moved approval for a continuation one year contract with Robin Reynolds. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Mahoney moved the Chairman negotiate the contract on behalf of the Commission with Ms. Reynolds. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.