

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**May 23, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan**

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Ken Lautzenheiser, Chairman
Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Ron Clark
Dale Copedge
Debbie De Leon
Ross Fulton
Allen Garbrecht
Jean Golden
Larry Gould
Bob Johnson
Hattie Oliver
Ken Ponds
Bob Showers
Ralph Tillotson

ABSENT:

Dan Alonzi
Gail Mahoney
Lisa McCafferty
Ben Miller
Margaret Rice

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lautzenheiser called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. He extended a welcome to Ross Fulton, newly appointed Commissioner from Newaygo County. He also asked the Commissions' Secretary, Ms. De Leon, to track attendance as members introduced themselves to Mr. Fulton.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2005

GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS
Judi Cates, CEI/CSATP
Kathy Davis, Child & Family Services
Barbara O'Connor, Bridgeway-Jackson

STAFF:

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

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Minutes of April 25, 2005 as presented. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under Executive Committee Report was Item C, Ingham HSCA Dues request.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Director's Report

There was no report.

B. Director's Report

Ms. Reynolds referenced the material sent in the packets. She commented first on the letter to Robert Bonds outlining conditions of his program's probationary status, which was approved last month. She noted there are a significant number of requirements the program needs to meet before the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Reynolds reported a follow-up site visit was conducted on May 10th and some items were met. In addition, a financial review was conducted at the same time, and the score was 93%. Ms. Reynolds noted their site review scores need to be 80% or above, and that the contract can be terminated if all conditions of probation are not met within the time frame noted. She added regular status reports would be provided to the Board.

Ms. Reynolds stated there are two articles on methamphetamine provided for information. She added there is methamphetamine related legislation going to the House Judiciary Committee this week and movement is expected by the end of the year.

Ms. Reynolds commented on the article from the Daily Telegram on McCullough Vargas' approval by the Adrian Planning Commission to open the new treatment facility in Adrian. She added they expect to move outpatient services to that location and may eventually seek residential treatment funding for Lenawee County.

Ms. Reynolds referenced the article from the Jackson Citizen Patriot on the sale of Trillium Hospital to Narconon Stone Hawk, which also has a facility in Battle Creek. She noted Narconon is not a funded provider of Mid-South as they are a for-profit organization.

Ms. Reynolds also briefly commented on the other articles in the Citizen Patriot about Rosie Heise, who was the former director of the Born Free program in Jackson, and on former Commission member Dave Elwell, who was recently appointed as interim Chief of Police of Columbia Township.

Ms. Reynolds commented on the article noting marijuana use is linked to mental health problems, which was provided for information. Ms. Golden also commented, noting the article says it is an addiction that leads to another disease which causes arrests to increase. She added the point needs to be made that arrest is not an appropriate reaction to a disease, treatment is an appropriate reaction. She added this offers an opportunity to make a statement on the disease concept of addiction and that a response should be sent.

Ms. Golden moved that the Executive Director write a letter of response to the editor of the Jackson Citizen Patriot to the article on marijuana being linked to serious mental health problems. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds noted the flyer for the Mayor's Drug Free Task Force golf outing was for information, and that it helps to fund the Lansing Teen Court.

Lastly, Ms. Reynolds reported the House has ranked areas for priority for funding in the Department of Community Health budget, and that substance abuse came in at 106 out of 139 rankings. She noted she made some calls to members on the House Health Appropriations Committee to inquire why this ranking was so low.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for April 2005 Community Grant & PA2

Mr. Ponds reports on the Bills to be Approved, noting they total \$722,966.14 for the month. He noted there were several checks of note, which were fully reviewed by the Executive Committee. On the Income Statement, Mr. Ponds reported Total Revenues of \$624,248.79 for the month and \$4,488,664.07 year-to-date; Total Expenses of \$731,477.08 for the month and \$4,851,078.24 year-to-date, and Net Income of (\$107,228.29) for the month and (\$362,414.17) year-to-date. On the Balance Sheet, Mr. Ponds reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$3,302,149.51. And lastly, on the Statement of Cash Flow, Mr. Ponds reported the Beginning Balance of (\$3,339,994.49), the Ending Balance of \$3,263,712.73, resulting in a Net Decrease in Cash of (\$76,281.76).

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Community Grant & PA2 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Ponds reported the Medicaid Bills to be Approved totaled \$178,054.43 and there were no significant expenses to report. He further reported from the Income Statement , Total Revenues of \$185,725.75 for the month and \$1,304,433.08 year-to-date; Total Expenses of \$178,129.43 for the month and \$1,058,144.14 year-to-date, resulting in Net Income of \$7,596.32 for April and \$146,288.94 year-to-date. Continuing to the Balance Sheet, Mr. Ponds reported Total Assets and Liabilities & Capital of \$329,631.64. Mr. Ponds then reported from the Statement of Cash Flow, the Beginning Balance of (\$389,579.31), and the Ending Balance of \$397,250.63, resulting in a Net Increase in Cash of \$7,671.32.

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Medicaid Treasurer's Report as presented. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Ponds presented the Medicaid PIHP Report, noting the balances at the end of April as

follows:

CEI	\$(8,555.75)
LifeWays	\$(14,732.42)
Venture-Calhoun	\$(7,414.08)
Washtenaw	\$(1,648.39)

Mr. Ponds noted there was extensive discussion among the Executive Committee members on the negative balances, especially Calhoun County. He reported staff is working with Venture to resolve this issue. He also stated there are issues, albeit different, with LifeWays, and their deficit is expected to be handled using savings from last year.

B. Program Development Committee Report

Ms. Golden reported the Committee received a review of the CEI programs in Ingham County. Overall, she stated they are performing well, although there are financial issues at G-14.

Ms. Golden also reported the Committee received a comprehensive update on prevention efforts in the region from Tim Shafto.

Ms. Golden reported the Committee reviewed the new Mid-South Procurement Policy for open panel solicitation and RFP issuance in the region. She noted that the RFP schedule will be a three year schedule, for treatment providers only.

Ms. Golden moved acceptance of the revised Procurement Policy for Mid-South. Mr. Clark supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Showers inquired about Clinton County Counseling's low financial score of 50% and asked if the program was doing something wrong. Ms. Reynolds responded some things were missing from files reviewed but there were no billing infractions.

Ms. Golden continued by reporting the Committee reviewed the proposal for the Jail Diversion project, which is a joint effort with LifeWays. She reported the grant LifeWays received for this program has expired, and in order for it to continue, Mid-South would need to contribute \$11,131 of Jackson County PA2 funding, with a like amount being contributed by LifeWays. She stated the Committee recommends this be approved.

Ms. Golden moved approval to fund the Co-Occurring Jail Diversion Program a total of \$11,131 of Jackson County PA2 funding. Mr. Brehler supported the motion. The motion carried.

Lastly, Ms. Golden stated the Committee received an update of funding for the Lansing Teen Court from Mr. Copedge. He reported Stuart Dunnings had been contacted about possible funding, and he has expressed some interest. She stated this issue will be kept on the Committee's Agenda.

C. Executive Committee Report

Ms. Reynolds briefly delineated specifics of the Administrative Budget amendment, noting the

budget is decreasing by \$2,506.

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Administrative Budget amendment as presented. Mr. Fulton supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds reported the program budget amendments were discussed at length by the Executive Committee, with their recommendation to approve them. Overall, she stated MDCH was increased \$18,342, PA2 increased \$37,056, ABW decreased \$(34,024) and Medicaid increased \$13,400. She stated many shifts were made to avoid lapsing dollars at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Reynolds also noted the prevention programs appear to have large increases, but their actual budgets were not approved until a couple of months ago, thus the dollars were added now.

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Program Budget Amendments as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

Lastly, Ms. Reynolds reported the Committee reviewed, and approved, the request from Ingham County for MPCB dues of \$1,000. It was also approved that these routine requests from the MPCB's will no longer be brought before the Board for approval to pay, as the amounts are already approved and budgeted. She added all contributions will remain the same; \$1,000 per year for each.

Mr. Ponds moved approval of the Ingham County MPCB request for \$1,000. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Barb O'Connor of Bridgeway Center-Jackson, thanked the Commission for their support of the jail diversion program in Jackson County. She added that the program is being looked at to identify problems with getting clients into the program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.