

# **MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION**

**March 26, 2007  
Hilliard Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
121 E. Maple Street  
Mason, Michigan**

## **M I N U T E S**

### **PRESENT:**

Debbie DeLeon, Chair  
Joe Brehler  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Jean Golden  
Lynn Mason  
Gail Mahoney  
Honey Minkowitz  
Michael Rae  
Robert Showers  
Eusebio Solis  
Ralph Tillotson  
Bob VanBelzen  
Jim VanDoren

### **GUESTS:**

Ericanne Spence, CEICMHA-HOC  
Judith Cates, CEICMHA/SAS

### **STAFF:**

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

### **ABSENT:**

Dan Alonzi  
Shirley Carter  
Jerry Michalowicz

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. DeLeon called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Golden called roll; 10 present and 9 absent. Four members arrived after roll call.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

**Ms. Mahoney moved approval of the Minutes of February 26, 2007 as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. VanNorman commented on communications sent out, stating all was provided for information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Director's Report**

Mr. VanNorman reported that CEI's detox unit will not reopen as they could not secure other funding. He noted two beds will remain, one of which will be for Mid-South clients. Ms. Ericanne Spence clarified the two beds will be in the current long-term facility, and they will be ready once a physician is on board.

Mr. VanNorman briefly discussed preparations for the upcoming Board Retreat. He stated it is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> in Lansing and participants would include Board members, management staff, Dr. Baker (Mid-South's medical director) and representatives from CDRS and the Office of Drug Control Policy would be invited.

At this time, Ms. DeLeon introduced Michael Rae and Eusebio Solis, county commissioners from Calhoun County, and new members of the Commission.

**B. Committee Reports**

**1. Treasurer's Report for February 2007**

**Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2007 as presented. Ms. Mahoney supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**2. Annual Report Preparation**

**Mr. Tillotson moved to accept the FY2005/2006 Annual Report and place it on file. Ms. Mahoney supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. VanNorman commented briefly on status of the Calhoun County PA2 issue, noting he was looking forward to having it resolved. Mr. Tillotson stated it was good to see representation from Calhoun County at the table. Ms. Mahoney also welcomed them.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Mahoney announced to the membership that she is resigning from the Commission to join the LifeWays Board. Several members stated their disappointment that she would be leaving, adding her knowledge and insight would be missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.