

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

May 26, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

**Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan**

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Tillotson, Chairman
Dale Barr
Joe Brehler
Jan Bunting
Brad Densmore
Jean Golden
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Stan Nieboer
Robert Showers
Deborah Smith
Jim VanDoren

ABSENT:

Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Debbie DeLeon
Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff
Earl Poleski

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tillotson called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Mason called roll; 12 present and 5 absent.

GUESTS:

Patricia Wheeler, NCA/LRA
Judith Cates, CEI-CMHA
Ericanne Spence, CEI-CMHA
Melanie Jackson, CEI-CMHA
Lisa McCafferty, Ionia Alternate

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Mary Kronquist, Treatment Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Jeanne Diver, CCC/QA Manager
Lisa Larson, Utilization Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2009

Mr. Showers moved approval of the minutes of April 27, 2009 as presented. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions made to the agenda.

Mr. Barr moved to accept the agenda as printed. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. VanNorman reported the article from the Wall Street Journal was provided for information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. VanNorman reported 8 responses were received relative to design of a Board Retreat. He added a point system was assigned to score and the choice of extending the June 22, 2009 meeting from 1:30 p.m. was the choice. He also noted we will accommodate the providers by having a meeting on June 17 to discuss the system and potential changes. Comments will be shared with all Board members. He also noted client input may be sought through attendance at community meetings with the county prevention coalitions. For the retreat, he stated topics will include looking at what we have, what we need, what are gaps in service and how they can be dealt with, among other topics. Discussion ensued on a specific time for Executive Committee and Commission meetings, with the decision being to schedule based upon the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for April 2009

Mr. Brehler moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Community Grant and PA2 portion of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brehler moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Medicaid portion of the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Barr supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Ms. Smith moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Residency Policy. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Golden moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Investment Policy. Mr. Densmore supported the motion.

Ms. Golden made a friendly amendment to make sure wording is the same in 3.4 and the first paragraph of the policy narrative. Mr. Densmore supported the friendly amendment.

Vote called on the amendment. The motion carried.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Golden moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Formal Appeal to the Commission Policy. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. VanNorman reported on the Executive Order from the governor, stating all 16 CAs were impacted. The total statewide loss of \$679,998 consists of \$106,700 in SDA funds and \$573,298 from the general fund. For Mid-South, Mr. VanNorman reported a loss of \$5,142 in SDA and \$43,732 in general fund, totaling \$48,875. He stated no dollars will have to be taken from programming to absorb this loss.

Mr. VanNorman presented to the Commission the Risk-Based Monitoring Plan which was developed to address the State site review deficiency. It will be brought back next month for approval to allow members time to read it. He continued by stating all of the CAs were cited for not having a plan.

The Benefit Information Policy was presented to the Committee for their review and it will be put forth in June for approval.

The letter from NCA was stated as being tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Judith Cates spoke, complimenting Ms. Melanie Jackson and staff at the G-14 methadone clinic for their hard work in conjunction with the clinic's closing after 35 years. She noted staff is making every effort to make the transition easy for the clients. Mr. VanNorman congratulated and commended both CEI and Victory Clinic for doing what is best for the clients.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.