

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

May 29, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dale Barr
Joe Brehler
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Jean Golden
Lynn Mason
Jerry Michalowicz
Honey Minkowitz
Earl Poleski
Robert Showers
Ralph Tillotson
Bob VanBelzen
Jim VanDoren

GUESTS

No guests

STAFF

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Mgr.
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Debbie DeLeon, Chair
Dan Alonzi
Shirley Carter
Mike Rae
Eusebio Solis

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tillotson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. He introduced Dale Barr, Eaton County commissioner, who is the new appointee from Eaton County. Everyone introduced themselves.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Poleski called roll; 13 present and five absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Minutes of April 23, 2007 as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

Mr. Brehler moved approval of the Agenda as printed. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. VanNorman stated this award was received from LifeWays, and commended Ms. Diver on her hard work to achieve 96% compliance with reporting requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman stated items would be discussed under the Executive Committee report.

B. Committee Reports

1. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Densmore moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for April 2007 as presented. Mr. VanDoren supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Tillotson reported the Commission is not allowed to spend agency funds for flowers or cards when staff or members experience loss in their families. He asked members to think about everyone putting a certain amount into a flower fund for this purpose. He said he would check back at the end of the meeting.

2. Program Development Committee Report

Mr. Copedge reported there was extensive discussion at the last meeting regarding the state budget situation, program delivery of services with the potential loss of PA2 dollars, and areas the state wants a focus on (with no increase in funds). He reported the Committee will devote future meetings on these issues and others identified at the Retreat. Ms. Mason commented that if a future retreat is scheduled, it was her hope that a date and time will be selected and more advance notice provided in order to fit more members' schedules as it is important for all members to attend.

3. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Mr. VanNorman report ODCP has identified \$6,000 to be used in Eaton and Jackson counties for verification of tobacco sales at 40 vendors in each county. He added staff will conduct these visits in order to update state lists for sampling purposes.

Mr. VanNorman reported the budget amendment is due to the state on June 18, and that it will be formally presented to the Board at the June 25 Commission meeting.

Mr. VanNorman reported that Calhoun County has received a letter from the State regarding non-receipt of their PA2 dollars. They have until June 8 to respond or it will be turned over to the Attorney General's office.

Lastly, Mr. VanNorman reported on the loss of PA2 dollars statewide, stating the Commission, and in particular the Program Development Committee, will need to work in the next few months towards identifying how to deal with this loss of funding.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Golden stated that in her opinion, the only way state legislators and others in state government will get the message that our system needs increased revenues is for those who receive services to speak up.

Mr. Tillotson asked members their feelings on a flower fund. All agreed it was a good idea. Lori Griffin will keep the fund and let members know when it is depleted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

