



MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

August 24, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Tillotson, Chairman
Dale Barr
Joe Brehler
Jan Bunting
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie DeLeon
Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff
Jean Golden
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Stan Nieboer
Earl Poleski
Deborah Smith
Jim VanDoren

GUESTS:

Gary McCullough, MVA
Roy Vargas, MVA
Lisa McCafferty, Ionia alternate

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Mary Kronquist, Treatment Manager
Lori Coe, Exec. Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Manager
Jeanne Diver, CCC/QA Manager

MEMBER ABSENT:

Robert Showers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tillotson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Mason called roll; 14 present and three absent. Two members arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2009

Mr. VanDoren moved approval of the minutes of June 22, 2009 as presented. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mason asked for discussion on the document she handed out. It was added under Executive Committee, VIII. C. 4.

Mr. Herl moved acceptance of the agenda with exception. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Five items were sent out, all for information. Ms. Golden stated the Commission should look into funding for Ionia County's Family Anonymous program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Mason commented on being informed by Ionia providers of the recent QI Meeting and how productive it was.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report – G. VanNorman

Mr. VanNorman stated Gary McCullough and Roy Vargas from McCullough, Vargas & Associates were in attendance to provide information on their new program, Hope House.

Mr. McCullough stated Hope House, located in Jonesville, is a transitional living home for up to 24 men with a six month minimum stay. There is an annex building that will eventually be a residential treatment program, which they hope to have licensed and ready for clients by October 1, 2009. Mr. Vargas noted the residential program will serve clients in the Mid-South region first. They also noted they may seek funding from Mid-South in the future, but up to this point have not done so. Members asked some general questions of Mr. McCullough and Mr. Vargas.

Mr. VanNorman reported on the letter regarding HB4436 which was sent to local legislators. Other CAs also sent letters.

Mr. VanNorman stated, as noted in the letter to CEI, Mid-South's relationship with Birchtree Cottage will not continue next year as it currently is. We will offer to contract on a fixed unit rate basis for detox services at \$200/day based on usage of beds under the current model. CEI has yet to respond to the letter.

Mr. VanNorman reported MDCH accepted Mid-South's site review response to the state.

The Expenditure by Agency and Funding Report was provided for information, and shows Mid-South is the third highest funded CA. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Reports for June and July 2009 – J. Brehler

Mr. Brehler reported the Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed all reports and recommends approval.

Mr. Brehler moved approval of the June 2009 block grant and Medicaid reports as submitted. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brehler moved approval of the July 2009 block grant and Medicaid reports as submitted. Mr. Barr supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report – D. Smith

Ms. Smith moved approval of the Customer Service Policy. Mr. Herl supported the motion.

Ms. Mason stated she did not attend the meeting but sent her comments with Ms. McCafferty. Brief discussion ensued.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Smith moved approval of the Welcoming Policy. Mr. Barr supported the motion.

Lengthy discussion ensued on this policy; with Ms. Mason stating her belief this policy is unnecessary. Discussion continued for several minutes, after which Ms. Smith called the question.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Mason voting no.

Ms. Smith moved approval of the Advance Directive Policy. Mr. Copedge supported the motion.

Brief discussion ensued, with Ms. Mason stating this policy fits outside of substance abuse parameters, and belongs in mental health.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Mason voting no.

Ms. Smith moved approval of the Client Grievance Policy. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Smith stated the Committee also was informed of a new billing code for a family component providers may use; were informed the first Focus Group is scheduled in Clinton County in September; the Home of New Vision in Jackson is going to start providing case management services with a peer recovery component; and there will be a training in Jackson County in September on Dr. Mee-Lee's ASAM patient placement work.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report – R. Tillotson

Ms. DeLeon moved to accept the Annual Plan submission as presented to ODCP. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. VanNorman updated Commission members on the banking issues from last meeting. He reported that as a result of some CDs maturing in August, dollars were moved to other accounts and we are now fully insured. All Mid-South funds are now in two different financial institutions. We are still waiting for a response from the FDIC to our inquiry. Mr. VanNorman noted the possibility of following-up with our senators or representatives to get an expeditious reply. Discussion ensued.

Mr. VanNorman reported an additional \$112,087 was received from the state, all of which has to be spent on treatment. He added almost \$97,000 of services over current funding levels to providers has been identified. Next month a report will be provided how the \$112,087 can be utilized.

D. Audit Committee Report – J. Brehler

Mr. Brehler reported the Committee met on June 24, 2009 to further discuss the FDIC insurance issue, and approval of the financial audit. As there was conflicting information available at that time, he reported the Committee decided to leave the audit as it was written and pursue issues with the FDIC directly. Ms. Smith stated we should place a time limit on how long we are willing to wait for a response, and inform the FDIC we may seek assistance from our state representatives as there is an accountability issue with the Board. Mr. Poleski suggested staff select a date for response, and if it is not met, then pursue other avenues.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Inter-local Agreement—Attorney General Letter

Mr. VanNorman reported the letter provided was the AG's response to Gratiot County's inquiry. The letter indicates the state did not exceed its authority on promulgation of the rules. This is the issue which has been holding up Gratiot's signing of the Inter-local Agreement for almost one year. Mr. VanNorman asked Ms. Bunting now that the issue has been addressed, was there any

other issue or issues holding up the process. Ms. Bunting responded the county is losing their administrator, there are some new commissioners, and the Commissioners are busy on budget issues. Mr. Copedge and Ms. DeLeon asked for a specific time line from Ms. Bunting on when this could be expected to be dealt with. Ms. Bunting indicated there is a meeting on September 1, 2009 and she would bring it up at that time. She also said there are other issues with the contract. Mr. VanDoren suggested Mr. VanNorman summarize the AG ruling and provide what has already been given for new commissioners in the county.

Mr. VanDoren moved to have Mr. VanNorman provide a summarization of all documents related to the Inter-local Agreement and Attorney General letter and send them to all Gratiot County Commissioners. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. By-Law Revision

Provided for review; action to be taken at September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.