

**MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION
ANNUAL MEETING**

February 23, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Barr
Jean Golden
Earl Poleski

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Showers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Mason called roll; 13 present and four absent. One member arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2009

Mr. Herl moved approval of the minutes of January 26, 2009 as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

GUESTS:

Lisa McCafferty, Ionia. Health Dept.
and Ionia alternate member
Ericanne Spence, CEI-CMHA-SAS
Judith Cates, CEI-CMHA
Melanie Jackson, CEI-CMHA
Comm. Bill Dilts, Gratiot Co.

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Mary Kronquist, Treatment Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coordinator
Paul Harding, Database Coordinator

Ms. Mason asked if the minutes reflect that a time line was established for submission of the letter to Gratiot County. Mr. VanNorman stated he would discuss the letter in his report.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Tillotson moved the agenda as printed. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman reported on the following:

- The state will conduct a site review March 5 and 6.
- ODCP will move into MDCH Mental Health and Substance Abuse Administration effective 10/1/09.
- He will be serving on the state executive management team for MPRI on behalf of MASACA.
- He has been in communication with the Attorney General's office on whether ODCP exceeded its authority on rule revision in 2006. Gratiot County raised the issue.
- Introduced the Commission's newest employee, Paul Harding, database coordinator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for January 2009

Mr. Brehler moved the Executive Committee's recommendation for approval of the Treasurer's Report for January 2009. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report

Ms. Mason reported Deb Smith and Cliff Herl were elected chair and vice chair of the Committee for 2009. The Committee also reviewed five revised policies, received an update on Birchtree Cottage, received a prevention update, made recommendations for Mid-South's Advisory Council, had discussion on Scott Miller focused therapy, received an update on the Care Coordination Center, and received a report on the Methadone RFP.

Mr. VanNorman briefly reported on the policies the Committee is recommending for approval.

Mr. Tillotson moved the Program Development Committee recommendation for approval of the following revised policies: Primary Care Coordination, Client Satisfaction Surveys, Charitable Choice, Site Review, and Recipient Rights. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Mr. Showers reported the Committee received five policies for review. These will be shared with Program Development Committee members so they can be reviewed prior to the March Commission meeting where approval will be sought. The Committee also received information on PA 553 of 2008. Mr. VanNorman will consult with other CA directors to have consistent language for letters to legislators. Lastly, the incoming officers will meet with Mr. VanNorman to begin discussion on his contract as it expires at the end of this year.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Mr. VanDoren moved approval of the Slate of Officers for 2009 as presented at the January meeting. Ms. DeLeon supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Update on Gratiot County letter

From discussion at last month's meeting, Mr. VanNorman reported February 21, 2009 was the deadline offered to the county for their response to the letter regarding approval of the Inter-Local Agreement resolution. He noted the only communication received was an e-mail asking for ramifications if the county did not act. To date, the resolution has not been put on Gratiot's agenda. The county administrator indicated that Commissioner Bunting could provide additional information. Ms. Bunting stated the county still has issues which hopefully could be cleared up in the next few months; one is waiting for a response from the Attorney General's office. In response to Mr. Van Norman's question on what the other issue is, she would not say. Mr. Showers added Mid-South will continue to provide services to Gratiot County residents as we have been and will continue to hope for positive interaction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.