

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

November 26, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie DeLeon, Chairperson
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Jean Golden
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Jerry Michalowicz
Earl Poleski
Robert Showers
Bob VanBelzen

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan Alonzi
Dale Barr
Joe Brehler
Ralph Tillotson
Jim VanDoren

GUESTS:

Lisa Larson, CDRS

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manger
Mary Kronquist, Treatment &
Program Development Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Jeanne Diver, QA Manager
Joel Hoepfner, Prev. Coordinator
Cara DeNuccio, Prevention Ass't.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLeon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Poleski called roll; nine present and seven absent. Two members arrived after roll call.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2007

Mr. Showers moved approval of the minutes of October 22, 2007 as presented. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

One item in packet related to Item New Business, 3 (b).

COMMUNICATIONS

All items were provided for information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman reported a meeting is scheduled this week for providers where new year contracts will be discussed, in addition to the departure of Calhoun County, and system improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report for October 2007

Mr. Showers moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the October 2007 Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Committee Report

Mr. Showers moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the revised Personnel Policies. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Golden moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of funding for the Newaygo County Mental Health Center in the amount of \$25,000, for a pilot project targeting at-risk youth, paid from Newaygo County PA2 funds. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. VanBelzen moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of funding for the creation of an infrastructure to collect data relative to older adult substance abuse in Newaygo County. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

Program Development Committee Report

Mr. VanNorman reported a SPF-SIG presentation was made; performance based contracts for four (4) rural providers were reviewed; and a report on Bridgeway's case management program was received. No action was required.

Proposed revised By-Laws were reviewed, tabled from last month. Verbage was added relative to rotation of the chair and the annual meeting.

Ms. Golden moved approval of the revised By-Laws and asked that the Executive Committee look at further potential revisions relative to the composition of the board and formula to determine the number of seats per county. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Showers moved approval of the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the 2008 Meeting Schedule. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Densmore moved to cancel the December 2007 Commission Meeting. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held relative to the Intercounty Agreement, and the need to move it forward to the counties for Resolutions and approval. It was also noted this document needs to mirror the By-Laws. Mr. Showers stated the Executive Committee should be charged with reviewing the issue of distribution of Board members and make a recommendation in February, holding off approval until this issue is resolved.

Discussion surrounded the draft allocation letter and amount to be removed for Calhoun County's departure. It was noted the formula used is not consistent with past practices. Kalamazoo will be making an alternate proposal, which Mr. VanNorman said Mid-South would work with, but he would not give away too much.

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Mr. Copedge moved to accept the amount proposed by ODCP for the removal of Calhoun County from the Mid-South region, adding the Mid-South Board would accept no additional removal. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hoepfner, the Commission's prevention coordinator, introduced Ms. Cara DeNuccio, the new prevention assistant. She was welcomed by all.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.