

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

October 24, 2005 - 6:00 p.m.

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

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Joe Brehler
Brian Calley
Shirley Carter
Ron Clark
Debbie De Leon
Jim Gallant
Allen Garbrecht
Jean Golden
Gail Mahoney
Ken Ponds

ABSENT:

Dan Alonzi
Dale Copedge
Ross Fulton
Larry Gould
Bob Johnson
Ken Lautzenheiser, Chairman
Ben Miller
Hattie Oliver
Bob Showers
Ralph Tillotson

CALL TO ORDER

Board Treasurer Ponds called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS
Larry Klaus, City of Lansing
Sara Lurie, EISD/PPS
Pat McKinley, Cristo Rey
Kathy Davis, Child & Family Services
Judy Cates, CEI/CMHB
Michelle Liska, Prevention Partners

STAFF:

Robin Reynolds, Executive Director
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary
Tim Shafto, Prevention Coordinator

ROLL CALL

Ms. De Leon called roll; 8 present and 12 absent. No quorum present. Two members arrived after roll but quorum was still not achieved.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under Committee Reports, Executive Committee, Item 4, Calhoun County Medicaid. Ms. Reynolds deleted Item 3 of Executive Committee Report, Calhoun County Prevention Allocation. She indicated their plan was not complete and this allocation would be brought back before the Commission in November.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sara Lurie, Professional & Program Services, read a prepared statement on behalf of her agency; Ms. Pat McKinley of Cristo Rey, and Mr. Larry Klaus of the City of Lansing. Text of the statement is attached. Ms. Reynolds announced there will be a meeting later this week with representation from the Ingham County coalition to discuss the issues noted in the prepared statement, and invited any Ingham County Commission members to attend. Ingham County members not in attendance will be informed of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Director's Association Report

Ms. Davis reported that three members attended the meeting, and it was decided to no longer meet. She indicated there had been minimal attendance at the meetings, and little success in soliciting others to attend.

B. Director's Report

Ms. Reynolds stated the letters in support of the Commission's prevention planning process will be sent to the state for their information; and the articles from the Jackson newspaper on the Breakout Drug Program and mental health exams being provided at Foote Hospital were also provided for information.

Ms. Reynolds announced that Mr. Shafto's presentation on the Prevention Youth Survey would be tabled until more Board members are present.

Ms. Golden asked about the recent article in the Lansing State Journal, and suggested the guests from Ingham County read the letter from Newaygo Commissioner Dan Powell, as it pertains to having to make difficult decisions, especially in prevention. Ms. Reynolds responded that the article in the Lansing paper regarding Mid-South's budget was misquoted and that she will be contacting the reporter to have it corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ponds stated the Executive Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report and recommend its approval. He asked Ms. Roeser to highlight items the Board needs to know and anything that may impact providers they should be aware of.

Ms. Roeser reported the Bills to be Approved for block grant and PA2 totaled \$558,776.63 and contained several voided checks, due to a printer malfunction. On the Income Statement, she reported Total Revenues for September of \$959,080.34 and \$9,023,831.44 year-to-date. She indicated this is a preliminary fiscal year end close-out, with payables due by November 30th and a final report provided in December. She further reported all expected MDCH funding was received. She also reported the following:

- Drug court funding was received from Calhoun and Ingham counties. Calhoun's projection was over budget, but all of the funding will be received and adjusted at close-out.
- Interest earned for the year was approximately \$25,542 more than projected, which will be used as first source of income this fiscal year.
- CA expenses were \$771.88 over budget; interest earned will cover this overage.
- State and PA2 funded programs; most were at 100% spent. Several have EBNR (earned but not reimbursed) which will be looked at after all payables are in, and paid only if there is lapsed funding.
- Projected treatment lapse is \$90,929; PA2 lapse is \$85,172, for a total of \$176,101. With payable still outstanding of \$121,960, leaving \$54,141.
- Prevention lapse was \$11,134 mainly from Prevention First in Lenawee County; \$12,963 PA2 prevention lapse too. Prevention planning expenses using PA2 dollars will be retagged with lapsed block grant dollars with the PA2 being returned to respective accounts—totaling \$24,076.
- Total PA2 lapse of \$67,703 will be returned so no block grant dollars will lapse.
- It is expected all EBNR and payables will be met with funding left.

For Medicaid, Ms. Roeser reported the Bills to be Approved totaled \$196,513.82. She noted the balances as follows:

- CEI \$(40,513.26) for September and \$80,056.97 year-to-date
- LifeWays \$40,657.67 for September and \$(5,476.28) year-to-date. LifeWays received \$39,012.69 from CEI to cover September expenses.
- Venture \$34,293.75 fro September and \$15,786.89 year-to-date. Venture received \$30,754.23 from CEI to cover September expenses.
- Washtenaw \$2,769.29 for September and \$38,524.76 year-to-date.
- Total PEPM Received \$2,257,614.63
- FY 03/04 Savings Applied \$61,310.00
- YTD Interest Earned \$5,394.80
- YTD Services Paid \$1,792,527.10
- YTD AAR Services \$172,899.95
- Administrative Services \$230,000.00
- Balance Remaining of \$128,892.34

B. Program Development Committee Report

The Committee did not meet in October.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Mr. Ponds reported the Committee did not have quorum.

Ms. Reynolds reported the Committee reviewed a request to hire an additional FTE for the Prevention Department, due to the heavy workload and to provide additional support to our counties and the coalitions. She stated this position would increase staff in the department to three and is a Pay Grade 4. Judge Garbrecht questioned how a person can be hired. Ms. Reynolds replied funding is available within the prevention allocation, plus some of the interest earned would be utilized. Ms. Mahoney noted the coalitions need Mid-South's support and current resources in the organization of prevention services are limited. She also stated the Board needs to support what it has been promoting for two years.

Ms. Reynolds also reported the Committee discussed the Ionia prevention allocation, which is \$57,043 of Ionia County PA2 funds.

Ms. Reynolds stated the Calhoun County Prevention Allocation was taken off the Agenda and it will be discussed in November.

Ms. Reynolds reported an item added to the Agenda is the Calhoun County Medicaid situation. She explained that Venture has sent a letter stating their intention to assume management and direct responsibility of their county Medicaid dollars, effective January 1, 2006. She added that only the Medicaid dollars in Calhoun County are affected; block grant dollars will remain with Mid-South. For the clients, she explained this change will mean the benefit will go through the mental health board and accessed through the CMH, which is another layer for the provider network and another system for the clients to have to deal with. Ms. Reynolds also stated a letter from Patrick Barrie on this situation indicated the department was not in a position to discuss it. She stated her belief that representatives from MDCH should be invited to the next Board Meeting to explain what their position is on this issue. She also stated this appears to be a first step in Calhoun County positioning itself to become the local coordinating agency. She further guessed other PIHP's may choose this avenue. She also noted if this happens, it will mean a significant loss of dollars for the administrative expenses. Ms. Reynolds also added that it could create more problems if this change is made in January, as opposed to waiting for the end of the fiscal year.

Ms. Reynolds stated her recommendation is to invite MDCH to attend the next meeting to provide clarification on their position on the direction the system is heading. She also noted that since Mid-South is unaware of Venture's motives for this move that some clarification be received from them.

Judge Garbrecht noted he was not aware of the letter from Venture or what they want to do. He added there are numerous problems in Calhoun County and felt some of those issues may be connected to the letter.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Mahoney reminded Executive Committee members that a special teleconference meeting will be held at a later date to move forward the action items on the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bruce Hindenach commented on what is happening in Calhoun County. He stated what is happening goes back to the original waiver, which was poorly written. Substance abuse was an afterthought, which is why Medicaid is handled the way it currently is. He

also noted the last two drug czars are under investigation, and the director of addiction services has no experience in substance abuse; she comes from mental health. He continued by stating leadership at the state level is "leadership by default". Mr. Hindenach lastly stated that if there is to be integration, then so be it, the system can handle it, but as it is now, the system is drifting badly, and it's scary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Good evening, I am Sara Lurie, Prevention Supervisor at PPS. This is Pat McKinley Program Director at Cristo Rey Community Center and Lt. Larry Klaus from Lansing Police Department and Chair of the Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council. Both Cristo Rey and PPS have been providing prevention services in Ingham County for over 30 years. I am speaking on behalf of Pat, Larry and myself to share our concerns regarding the Ingham County allocation that the Commission passed at last month's meeting. \$281,743 as you may be aware is substantially lower than last year's \$455,000 allocation. We feel that the current allocation seriously affects our ability to adequately staff to meet the goals and objectives of this year's implementation plan.

We appreciate and have strongly supported the direction that Mid-South has taken in the Development of county coalitions, the use of the Pathways Process and the shift to data-driven outcomes based planning. In Ingham County we are proud of PPS and Cristo Rey's collaborative roles in the development of Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council. ISAPCC currently has 21 voting members and 3 associate members that represent multiple sectors of our community. In order to build capacity and assure sustainability of this coalition we have worked to build solid infrastructure and linkages to other key coalitions in Ingham County. Some of these

include the Power of We Consortium, Capital Coalition, Community Data Committee and Youth Violence Prevention Coalition, Capital Area Health Alliance and organizations such as Ingham County Health Department, Lansing Police Department, Ingham County Sheriff, Michigan State University, Lansing Community College and Lansing School District. Ingham County is a large and complicated county to cover, building the needed relationships and linkages, creating and maintaining communication structures is a very time consuming endeavor. For example, in the

development of our strategic plan we had 6 task forces that formed to develop recommendations.

Ongoing community input resulted in 11 revisions to create the final plan.

When comparing allocations for Clinton, Eaton and Ingham with dollar amounts allocated and Population of the county, Clinton County will receive \$1.37 per person, Eaton \$1.78 per person and Ingham \$1.01 per person. Working in both Eaton and Ingham counties I can tell you Eaton County moved further along in its ability to target programs to needed areas. Eaton County's much smaller size, easier access to data and the collaborative culture of the county makes it much

easier to get things done. We have easy access to many key decision makers in Eaton County through our monthly Human Services Collaborative Council and Superintendents meetings. We also enjoy incredible support and involvement from our Eaton County Commissioners. The systems that we have had to put in place from the ground up in Ingham County already existed in Eaton County. While Ingham County is 2.7x larger than Eaton County, only .5x more funding has been allocated in Ingham County.

Our Ingham County Coalition is still young and developing, while great momentum exists it is too early to pull the rug out by understaffing the initiatives set by the coalition members in the implementation plan. The current allocation of \$281,743 will not allow for adequate staffing in Ingham County to support the coalition at the level needed to build on the momentum that has been achieved over the past year. We submitted a revised proposal for \$349,000 that was recently declined. We ask you to reconsider the Ingham County allocation and other counties in this same situation. Please take time to listen to providers and coalition member's feedback on the process, the technical assistance provided by Mid-South and what they feel is needed to keep moving forward in our counties. We know that you are charged to carefully manage important taxpayer dollars, please don't jeopardize the sizeable investment that has already been made in the creation of these coalitions by not providing the staffing support they need to mature and become self-sufficient. Thank you for your attention and consideration of our concerns.