

# MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

*October 23, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.  
Michigan High School Athletic Association  
1661 Ramblewood Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan*

## MINUTES

### PRESENT:

Dan Alonzi, Chairman  
Joe Brehler  
Brian Calley  
Shirley Carter  
Dale Copedge  
Kim Crowel  
Brad Densmore  
Debbie De Leon  
Ross Fulton  
Robert Johnson  
Honey Minkowitz  
Robert Showers

### ABSENT:

Allen Garbrecht  
Jean Golden  
Larry Gould  
Gail Mahoney  
Ben Miller  
Ken Ponds  
Ralph Tillotson

### GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS  
Barbara O'Connor, Bridgeway Center

### STAFF:

Robin Reynolds, Executive Director  
Mary Kronquist, Assistant Director  
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager  
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary  
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Manager

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Alonzi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed Honey Minkowitz, noting she is a new citizen appointee from Ingham County.

### ROLL CALL

Mr. Showers called roll; 12 present and 7 absent.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2006**

**Mr. Densmore moved approval of the Minutes of September 25, 2006 as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Added under Executive Committee Report, Item 5 was HIV EIP Services.

**Mr. Showers moved acceptance of the Agenda as amended. Mr. Fulton supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Director's Report - R. Reynolds, Executive Director

Ms. Reynolds referenced items sent in the packet. She stated the letter from Dr. Barry Saltman will be referred to the Program Development Committee, and the letter from Michelle Liska will be referred to the Executive Committee. She noted the letter for reappointment of Jean Golden is for information.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer's Report for September 2006 - D. De Leon**

Reporting that the Executive Committee reviewed the reports in depth, Ms. De Leon stated the recommendation is for approval.

**Ms. De Leon moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2006 as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion.**

Ms. Reynolds discussed the letter from CEI stating they will not be able to contribute any of their excess dollars to the pool of funds to assist LifeWays with their overage, as CEI has their own needs. She added that staff is working with LifeWays to determine how they will make up their \$185,784 shortfall.

**Vote called on the motion. The motion carried.**

**B. Program Development Committee Report - J. Brehler**

Mr. Brehler reported the Committee did not meet in October.

**C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report - D. Alonzi**

Mr. Alonzi reported on the dialog session held earlier with representatives of the four PIHP's in the Mid-South region, in which they presented their vision of how integration of mental health and substance abuse services would be accomplished and work.

Ms. Reynolds briefly updated on the search for a new Executive Director. She stated several resumes have been received, which she and Mr. Alonzi will review and select candidates for interviews. She added a special Executive Committee will need to be held in early November to make final selections and set up an interview schedule.

Ms. Kronquist reported on the response to the Appeal filed by Mr. Jim Gallant. She indicated all of his concerns had been addressed and it would be forwarded to him.

**Mr. Fulton moved the written response to the Appeal filed by Mr. Jim Gallant be approved and forwarded to him. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.**

Ms. Reynolds reported that Human Aid, with offices in Gratiot and Ionia counties, has provided notice they will close at the end of December. She noted RFP's will be let to find a new provider for services in those counties.

**Ms. De Leon moved approval to award the contract for HIV EIP Communicable Disease services to Lansing Area AIDS Network (LAAN) for a total of \$100,000 MDCH funding. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business brought before the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Barbara O'Connor spoke in favor of Mid-South retaining CA responsibilities. She added support from staff is excellent.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.