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MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

February 28, 2011

Michigan High School Athletic Association

1661 Ramblewood Drive

East Lansing, Michigan

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Jamie Clover Adams
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie De Leon
Warren Everett
Lynn Mason
Rico Neal
Stan Nieboer
Cletus Smith
Ralph Tillotson

GUESTS:

Lisa McCafferty, Ionia Health Dept.
Deb Thalison, Ionia Health Dept.

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Barr
Craig Finger
Cliff Herl

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Brehler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Nieboer called roll; twelve present and three absent. There are still two vacancies from Jackson County.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2011

Ms. De Leon moved approval of the minutes of January 28, 2011 as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

Mr. Tillotson moved acceptance of the agenda as printed. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications this month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman stated there would be a board member orientation for those new and others that might desire to attend. It would be held before the March 21st Program Development Committee meeting at 4:30 at the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Mr. VanNorman reported that the financial auditors had spent four days at Mid-South and departed indicating that only one finding was identified. The finding is that Mid-South does not prepare its own financial statements. This is understood and was part of our bid for the auditors to do those statements. However, it is required they cite us for not preparing the statements. The auditors will be presenting to the Audit Committee on March 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for January 2011 – L. Mason

Ms. Mason presented the Treasurer's report with all the information contained in the Executive Committee meeting. No questions ensued.

Ms. Mason moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the January Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Program Development Committee Report – S. Carter

Ms. Carter reported that the snow storm prevented a quorum at the Program Development Committee. However, Mr. VanNorman had requested that the Demonstration Project agenda item be presented at the Commission meeting to move it to the state for action. Ms. Carter concurred with that request.

Mr. VanNorman provided an overview of the packet that was distributed. In brief, the packet is to seek state approval to provide innovative and specialized treatment services under the state Licensing Rules allowing for a demonstration project. This provision requires the Coordinating Agency to be licensed to provide treatment which is prohibited in basic statute, but allowed for under the demonstration waiver provision. This project is sought to allow better use of our funding for services to the opiate dependent population. Those services would enhance recovery and provide better options for opiate users to be engaged longer and supported using case management, peer supports, and when needed housing supports. The services proposed are proven effective and cited as such in federal Treatment Improvement Protocol 42 and 45. Financial information was discussed around opiate services and implications of increased admissions to, primarily, methadone treatment having detrimental impact on resources for other providers.

Discussion ensued. Mr. VanNorman indicated that no other Coordinating Agency offers this service under a demonstration project. Some are walking a fine line that we prefer not to relative to Rule violation. Ms. Mason indicated support of the service but could not support the project since a license for a Coordinating Agency would create a concern to her.

Ms. De Leon moved approval of forwarding the licensing application for the demonstration project to the state as presented. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Mason the only Nay vote.

C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report – J. Brehler

Mr. Brehler spoke briefly on the Governor's budget implications noting that nothing monetarily within the proposal has major concerns. There is the need however, to consider what needs to be done by Mid-South as federal and state funding streams and delivery models are being discussed.

D. Nominating Committee Report – J. Brehler

Mr. Everett moved the Nominating Committee recommendation for approval of the Slate of Officers for 2011 as presented. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Tillotson emphasized that Mr. Brehler, as current Vice Chair has been filling in for the former Chair who is now serving as an elected official in the House of Representatives.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive Director Evaluation instrument input.

Mr. Densmore moved the Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee recommendation for adoption of the CEI Executive Director's evaluation instrument for Mid-South's Executive Director. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.