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MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**January 24, 2011
Hilliard Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
121 E. Maple Street
Mason, Michigan**

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Brehler
Jamie Clover Adams
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Debbie De Leon
Warren Everett
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Rico Neal
Stan Nieboer
Ralph Tillotson

GUESTS:

Bob Showers
Lisa McCafferty
James Lower, Ionia alternate member

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Coe, Executive Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Barr
Shirley Carter
Craig Finger

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mr. Nieboer called roll; nine present and three absent. Two members arrived after roll call. There are still three vacancies; two Jackson and one Lenawee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2010

Mr. Herl moved approval of the minutes of November 22, 2010 as presented. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

At this time, Vice Chairman Brehler introduced Comm. Warren Everett, newly appointed member from Gratiot County, and Comm. Jamie Clover Adams, newly appointed member from Clinton County, and James Lower, newly appointed alternate member from Ionia County. All welcomed them. Comm. Showers spoke, noting his confidence in Comm. Clover Adams as she takes over his seat on the Commission representing Clinton County. He added he valued his nine years of membership. All expressed best wishes to him and that he would be missed.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions.

Mr. Tillotson moved acceptance of the agenda as printed. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Brehler briefly commented on the communications sent in the packet, all of which were for information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director's Report

Mr. VanNorman reported there is good news and bad news. Good news is some PA2 balances from last year lapsed back into their respective Mid-South related accounts for use this year, to the total of approximately \$154,000.

MDCH has offered to help with sponsorship for a regional ROSC Symposium for later this year. It would be a one day event to work on our transformational plan. He added this symposium fits well with activities going on around the state. It will be proposed to the Program Development Committee in February.

Mr. VanNorman reported on the Legislative Breakfast he attended last week which was sponsored by MASACA, noting of the 21 senators and representatives in our region, four attended. He further reported the handouts provided were hand delivered to the ones who did not attend.

Mr. VanNorman noted the regional and county-specific prevention evaluation reports were handed out, adding they will be in the respective communities through the prevention coalitions.

Mr. VanNorman reported that Mike Head, the director for the state substance abuse and mental health administration attended the last MASACA meeting, and his comments were not good. The Snyder administration is looking at disbanding CAs, creating a plan to extend collapsing them into a PIHP by 2012, and then the PIHPs being collapsed to fewer than 18 statewide. He also communicated that SDA would be most likely be eliminated, along with a 30-35 percent general fund cut, and other programming cuts, possibly to Medicaid and ABW.

B. Appointment of Nominating Committee

Mr. Tillotson moved that the Executive Committee be appointed as the Nominating Committee for 2011. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Reports for November and December 2010

Mr. Densmore moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the November and December Treasurer's Reports as presented. Mr. Nieboer supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Ms. De Leon moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the FY2010/11 provider budget amendment as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.