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## MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

May 23, 2011

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

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Brehler, Chairman  
Dale Barr  
Mike Butchart  
Jamie Clover Adams  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Debbie De Leon  
Warren Everett  
Craig Finger  
Cliff Herl  
Lynn Mason  
Rico Neal  
Stan Nieboer  
Ralph Tillotson

#### GUEST:

Lisa McCafferty, Ionia Health Dept.

#### STAFF:

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

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Shirley Carter  
Cletus Smith

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brehler called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Mr. Densmore called roll; 13 present and 3 absent. One member arrived after roll call. There is still a vacancy in Jackson County.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011**

**Ms. De Leon moved approval of the minutes of April 25, 2011 as presented. Mr. Barr supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were none.

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

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

A series of four articles on methadone were provided for information.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Director's Report**

Mr. VanNorman reported on the following items:

1. The report from the state site review in April was received. Good report, no findings.
2. Block grant funds at the federal level have been proposed to be combined between mental health and substance abuse. Most states are not in favor of this. It will be required in two years; next year is optional.
3. Discussions have taken place with CEI relative to potential integration. A document listing pros and cons has been developed and shared with both Boards. Mr. VanNorman stated he wanted a more formal recognition from the Commission before more discussion takes place with key staff of both agencies to discuss opportunities in the future, if any. He noted his hope is to have something identified as to structure and responsibility within 6 months to bring back for review. Discussion ensued. Mr. VanNorman noted the importance of substance abuse not being lost. Mr. Brehler stated a discussion mental health is having with the state is their interest in protecting the carve-out. He indicated such a carve-out would be necessary in an integration to protect substance abuse funding. He also stated his belief that the health care field will be reinventing itself due to changes that will come

with the affordable healthcare act. He stated it is incumbent to pursue the future now rather than wait.

**Mr. Copedge moved that Mr. VanNorman pursue discussions with Mr. Sheehan and CMH for possible integration of the two agencies. Ms. De Leon supported the motion.**

Lengthy discussion ensued on the pros and cons of these discussions.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Treasurer's Report for April 2011**

Mr. Nieboer presented an abbreviated Treasurer's Report, stating the Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed and recommend its approval.

**Ms. De Leon moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Treasurer's Report for April 2011. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.**

### **B. Program Development Committee Report**

Mr. VanNorman reported in Ms. Carter's absence. He stated the Committee received letters sent to two providers who had issues identified in their 6 month review which require corrective action. He added both providers accepted the findings and are working on their corrective action plans. The Committee also received site visit reports for providers scoring between 70-89% on their clinical site visits. Discussion was held on the 2012 action plan for BSAAS and the treatment and prevention action plans for providers. Lastly an update on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> ROSC Symposium was provided.

### **C. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Brehler reported a proposal was presented to establish a case management component in Ingham County leveraging using some lapsed women's specialty money from other CAs which was offered to any CA who was in need. Mid-South requested \$150,000 which will be used to free up \$25,000 of Ingham County PA2 for this purpose.

**Ms. De Leon moved the Executive Committee recommendation to use \$25,000 of Ingham County PA2 dollars for a case management program in Ingham County. Mr. Herl supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Commission. It was requested that the integration issue be a continuing item under this category for future meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Everett invited everyone to the upcoming Alma Highland Festival.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.