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## MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

October 25, 2010

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

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Brehler  
Shirley Carter  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Debbie DeLeon  
Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff  
Craig Finger  
Rico Neal  
Cliff Herl  
Lisa McCafferty (for Lynn Mason)  
Stan Nieboer  
Robert Showers  
Ralph Tillotson

#### STAFF:

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

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Earl Poleski, Chairman  
Dale Barr  
Pat Gillis  
Lynn Mason  
Jim Van Doren

#### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Brehler called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Nieboer called roll; 13 present and four absent. Mr. Brehler introduced Rico Neal. He is the new appointee representing Ingham County, taking Jean Golden's place. Everyone welcomed him.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

**Mr. Herl moved approval of the minutes of September 27, 2010 as presented. Ms. DeLeon supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

There were no additions or deletions.

**Mr. Tillotson moved to accept the agenda as printed. Mr. Nieboer supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. VanNorman briefly commented on the communications contained in the packet.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. VanNorman reported on the following:

- Notification of a training opportunity from DCH for a Telemedicine Conference in Chicago. Lisa Larson of the CCC will attend; all paid for by the State.
- Staff is exploring the possibility of submitting a waiver of Licensing Rules to the State for an ambulatory detox program. A waiver must be obtained to have this programming, and Mid-South could be the first in the state to obtain the waiver. Mr. VanNorman stated this service is important to deal with certain medications and is a more appropriate service for some clients. Protocol is being developed for this programming.
- We have had two site visits from the CMH Authority (PIHP); a clinical review and a data review. The data review yielded no citations, and the clinical may have one small finding related to providers not properly documenting their timeliness of service.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Treasurer's Report for September**

Ms. Roeser reported the Executive Committee thoroughly reviewed the report.

**Ms. DeLeon moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2010 as presented. Mr. Tillotson supported the motion.**

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

Ms. Carter reported the Committee reviewed the CCC Call Log reports; a draft/example for Clinton County of the MSU Prevention Outcome Evaluation was presented; the ROSC Strategic Plan was shared; brief discussion took place regarding medical marijuana as the topic has come up with providers; and staff reported on the realignment of treatment and prevention in the office.

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

Mr. VanNorman updated on the ABW situation, noting that earlier in the year, all CAs took a general fund cut. Now, due to the federal participation rate being higher than expected, approximately \$37,000 is now coming back to us. Also related to this, because it is too late to amend our contract, the state will give us a letter addressing these new dollars to be used for auditing purposes. He continued noting if we don't have costs to match the dollars received, we can carry forward these funds to next year for programming.

Mr. VanNorman provided a Medicaid update, reporting Mental Health Medicaid received a 1.4% funding increase, while substance abuse received nothing. He reminded members that Medicaid is an entitlement program so we have to, and are, serving people appropriately. He also reported the Governor put additional dollars (\$1 million) into Shar House, which is in Detroit, so now Detroit is over equity by approximately \$7 million, of which approximately one-half million came from the statewide system off the top of the money to be distributed. Mid-South lost \$180,000 in state cuts for FY 10/11. Mr. VanNorman reported CAs have written letters to, or visited legislators to try and get an equitable funding formula but the State is saying they will not pursue if all of the CAs don't agree; and Detroit will not agree, so it is a dead issue. Discussion ensued regarding possible actions that can be taken by the field to address this after the election.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.