

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**September 24, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Hilliard Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
121 E. Maple Street
Mason, Michigan**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie DeLeon, Chairperson
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Jean Golden
Lynn Mason
Jerry Michalowicz
Earl Poleski
Robert Showers
Bob VanBelzen
Jim VanDoren

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dan Alonzi
Dale Barr
Joe Brehler
Shirley Carter
Cliff Herl
Eusebio Solis
Ralph Tillotson

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLeon called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Poleski called roll; 9 present and 8 absent; one member arrived after roll call.

GUESTS:

Sara Lurie, EISD-PPS
Ericanne Spence, CEI-CMHA
Georgia Aktan, Consultant
Roy Vargas, MVA
Gary McCullough, MVA

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Mary Kronquist, Treatment &
Program Development Manager
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Exec. Secretary
Joel Hoepfner, Prev. Coordinator
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance
Manager

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2007

Ms. Mason moved approval of the minutes of August 27, 2007 as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under New Business, VII. C. 3 (e): Request to authorize use of PA2 funds at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Mason asked if action items could be moved up on the agenda as she needed to leave early for a meeting in Ionia County. Members agreed to this request.

Ms. Golden moved acceptance of the agenda as amended. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Roeser reported the Executive Committee reviewed the report thoroughly

Mr. Showers moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the Treasurer's Report for August 2007 as presented. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.

2. Car Lease

Mr. VanNorman reported there is no recommendation from the Executive Committee. He added there was extensive discussion so it was tabled pending receipt of further information from staff at the next meeting.

3. FY08 Administrative Budget

Mr. VanNorman reported the Executive Committee reviewed this budget and recommend its approval. He noted the overall decrease of \$29,440, which included a decrease in equipment, the payment of MPCB dues from SPF-SIG dollars, and utilization of some staff time, supplies, and travel to SPF-SIG.

Ms. Mason moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the FY08 administrative budget as presented. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

4. FY08 Provider Allocation Budgets

Mr. VanNorman reported allocations were based upon last year's beginning allocations and continuation funding. He added it is uncertain how much the state will take when Calhoun County departs, and that the budgets are not inclusive of prevention programming in Calhoun County. He also noted it is uncertain if the PA2 funding lost will be restored, and what the impact of Calhoun leaving will be. [Specific allocation amounts can be found in Executive Committee minutes of September 24, 2007].

Mr. Showers moved the Executive Committee recommendation for approval of the FY08 provider budgets as presented. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.

5. Resolution for Utilization of PA2 funds at Year-End

Mr. VanNorman stated this request is to allow staff to use PA2 dollars, within their own county, to cover any overages at year-end. He added the Executive Committee approved the recommendation, adding a \$5,000 cap, with board approval needed for any amount over \$5,000.

Mr. Densmore moved the recommendation from the Executive Committee for approval of the request to use PA2 funds at year-end, within counties, to cover any overages. Mr. Copedge supported the motion.

Discussion ensued, with Mr. Densmore stating staff is knowledgeable and he trusted their decisions, so it was unnecessary to mandate they call members for amounts over the cap suggested of \$5,000. Mr. VanBelzen stated he wanted the cap so members would have a voice in the process. Mr. VanDoren noted it is a sign of the times, but members need to trust staff decisions. Mr. Poleski stated his opposition, noting the purpose of the cap is not to hinder staff but to inform the Board of any larger changes that may need to be made.

A roll call vote on the motion was taken. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 4 with Copedge, Densmore, Golden, Michalowicz, VanDoren, and DeLeon voting yes, and Mason, Poleski, Showers, and VanBelzen voting no.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. VanNorman noted the thank you notes from Ms. DeLeon and Ms. Roeser were provided for information. He reported the correspondence to and from Calhoun County relates to the outstanding PA2 dollars, and designation.

Director's Report – G. VanNorman

Mr. VanNorman reported he has begun work on revision of the Intercounty Agreement with the potential departure of Calhoun County. He added the state contract is on hold as MASACA is reviewing it with the state.

Mr. VanNorman stated ODCP sent a letter on designation to the Kalamazoo coordinating agency and Calhoun County, which contains no conclusion and speaks of integration.

Lastly, Mr. VanNorman noted the E-Mail from Greg Purcell, Calhoun County administrator asking for their dollars. Mr. VanNorman stated he would work with the new Coordinating Agency on it.

SPF-SIG Presentation

Mr. Hoepfner introduced Dr. Aktan, who made a brief presentation on the Needs Assessment she prepared. She commented that two groups have worked well together in a very short time frame. She noted there is an abundance of data in addition to what was required by the state on alcohol related crashes. She further stated that the region was fortunate to have the school surveys to acquire additional data on tobacco. Dr. Aktan stated her confidence that the data will continue in future years. Ms. DeLeon asked about cultural competency and the Native American population. Mr. Hoepfner replied the process is not at that point yet. Ms. Golden commented the data gives potential for evidence-based practice which this Commission has not previously had. She added this data can be used to design programs and measure effectiveness of programs.

Program Development Committee Report – D. Copedge

Mr. VanNorman reported on the meeting, stating the Synar Report was discussed along with discussion on the FY08 contract extensions, and the potential impact of Calhoun County leaving. In addition, a brief discussion was held on rates and potential performance contracting for some rural providers next year, plus potential changes to the CDRS contract.

Executive Committee Report – D. DeLeon

Ms. DeLeon stated all agenda items have already been addressed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.