

# MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**April 28, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Michigan High School Athletic Association**  
**1661 Ramblewood Drive**  
**East Lansing, Michigan**

## MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Showers, Chairman  
Dale Barr  
Joe Brehler  
Jan Bunting  
Shirley Carter  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Jean Golden  
Cliff Herl  
Lynn Mason  
Earl Poleski  
Deborah Smith  
Ralph Tillotson  
Bob VanBelzen  
Jim VanDoren

### GUESTS:

Bruce Hindenach, CDRS  
Lisa Larson, CDRS  
Judy Cates, CEI  
Greg Purcell, Calhoun Co.

### STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director  
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager  
Mary Kronquist, Treatment & Program  
Development Manager  
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary  
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Mgr.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Showers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Mr. VanBelzen called roll; 15 present and two absent. Two members arrived after roll call.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Ms. Mason asked for correction to her comments related to the allocation of \$15,000 in Ionia County PA2 dollars, stating it was the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative who requested the funds for accreditation (not the Board of Commissioners). She added it was also that group who were not interested in having the Ionia CMH provide substance abuse treatment services in the county. Ms. Mason also asked that the minutes be corrected under the Program Development Committee report to reflect that the CDRS/Access issue was brought to the committee and tabled.

**Ms. Bunting moved approval of the minutes of February 25, 2008 as amended. Mr. VanDoren supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

Added under Committee Reports, were Item 3, Activity Reports; and Item 4, Meeting Schedule.

**Mr. Tillotson moved acceptance of the agenda as printed with exceptions. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. VanNorman noted all communications sent out were provided for information. He also thanked members for the flowers sent during his recent hospital stay.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

Mr. VanNorman reported word has been received that the Feds received Mid-South's Pregnant Postpartum Women's grant application submitted in March. He explained this grant would provide \$500,000 over three years for services to women with substance use disorders who are associated with court systems and who have children. No word on when to expect notification of acceptance.

Mr. VanNorman reported ODCP issued an RFI for women's specialty services, and that MASACA will be submitting a proposal. He added that with the allocation formula, Mid-South could get \$100,000-110,000 of women's funding, which is currently spent in Genesee and Saginaw counties.

Mr. VanNorman stated 6 month reviews have concluded with most providers to determine spending at the half year period. Budget amendment requests will be forthcoming.

Mr. VanNorman reported that information on a study called the Section 272 is provided for information. He explained this is a study to review potential savings in both efficiencies and funding by combining public health, mental health, offices on aging, and substance abuse. He added the contract for the study is with MSU. This group will report findings to the legislature.

Mr. VanNorman also reported the proposed boilerplate for FY08/09 has an allocation methodology that any organization (CA) affiliated with a CMH will receive more funding than a non-affiliated agency (CA).

Lastly, Mr. VanNorman reported the Intercounty Agreement has been approved by all but three counties; Eaton, Gratiot, and Ionia. Ms. Mason and Mr. Brehler both indicated

their County had passed the Resolution recently. Ms. Bunting noted Gratiot County has some questions for clarification.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Treasurer's Report for February and March**

**Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for February 2008 as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**Mr. VanDoren moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2008 as presented. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

Ms. Mason reported the CDRS/Access issue was tabled. A report on Ingham County treatment providers was received, and an update was received from CEI on Birch Tree Cottage.

**Mr. Copedge moved the Program Development Committee report be received and placed on file. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

Mr. VanNorman reported on the presentation from representatives of Calhoun County. He stated an independent audit will be conducted surrounding the expenditure of PA2 dollars over the last three years. Mr. Showers added that Calhoun County was concerned with the trend of spending during the noted time period.

**Mr. Copedge moved to accept the FY2006/07 Annual Report. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.**

Mr. VanNorman stated the Committee asked for monthly activity reports to be submitted by staff to the Board.

**Ms. Golden moved to approve returning to a monthly meeting schedule for the Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee and full Board. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Golden noted the information contained in the annual report was great, and asked that it be a review item at the next meeting. She also encouraged it to be disseminated to the press with something added to draw attention to the Commission and the work it does.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Judi Cates stated all staff for Birch Tree Cottage has been hired and orientation will start within 2 weeks. Names for admission will be taken starting May 12 and first admissions are scheduled for May 19. She added they are working with other CAs (Northern, Riverhaven, and Saginaw) who will refer, in addition to Mid-South's 9 counties.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.