

## **MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION**

**October 22, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.  
Michigan High School Athletic Association  
1661 Ramblewood Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan**

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Debbie DeLeon, Chairperson  
Dale Barr  
Joe Brehler  
Shirley Carter  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Jean Golden  
Lynn Mason  
Earl Poleski  
Robert Showers  
Ralph Tillotson  
Bob VanBelzen  
Jim VanDoren

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Cliff Herl  
Jerry Michalowicz

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. DeLeon called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Poleski called roll; 13 present and 4 absent. Two members arrived after roll call.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

**Mr. Showers moved approval of the minutes of September 24, 2007 as presented. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.**

#### **GUESTS:**

Lisa Larson, CDRS  
Bruce Hindenach, CDRS  
Lisa McCafferty, ICHD

#### **STAFF:**

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director  
Mary Kronquist, Treatment &  
Program Dev. Manager  
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager  
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary  
Joel Hoepfner, Prevention Coord.  
Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance  
Manger

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

Ms. Mason asked for a modification to the minutes from the August 27, 2007 meeting.

Ms. Mason noted the statement that the Ionia County Health Department was not able to secure accreditation is not accurate. She clarified the Health Department is accredited; the issue is with the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative, in that the providers need to be accredited. There is a delay in figuring out what Mid-South's criteria are versus the State's criteria, which is not yet resolved.

Mr. VanNorman reported the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative is working towards accreditation for the providers based on state mandate. Ms. Mason responded that requiring each provider to be accredited can be cost prohibitive, which is part of the ongoing discussion.

**Ms. Mason moved that the minutes of this meeting be reflective of the change made to August 27, 2007 meeting minutes. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.**

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. DeLeon commented briefly on the Ingham County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition's receipt of \$500,000 in grant monies.

Mr. VanNorman reviewed PA72 of 2007, which is the replacement for the current PA2 legislation. He noted the general fund has privilege and can take the PA2 dollars before the counties ever see them, which will make it more difficult to budget at the county level and CA level as the payments to CAs may or may not be made.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Director's Report – G. VanNorman**

Mr. VanNorman reported on discussions ongoing with providers to have contracts that contain expectations, and the possibility of performance based contracts for rural programs.

Mr. VanNorman stated Mid-South will be interacting with 2 PIHPs relative to remaining balances and proposing methods to use funding appropriately for services provided.

#### **B. Treasurer's Report**

**Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2007 as presented. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**C. Executive Committee Report**

- 1) **Mr. Showers moved approval to enter into a 2 year lease for a new company automobile at a monthly cost of \$340, and with the director having no personal responsibility for the lease if the agency should cease to exist before the end of the lease period. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.**
- 2) **Mr. Alonzi moved to table approval of the revised Commission By-Laws to the next meeting to allow for a provision to be added on rotation of chair among all counties. Mr. Brehler supported the motion. The motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on revisions to the current Intercounty Agreement took place.

**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Mr. Alonzi moved to enter into closed session for purposes related to Attorney/Client privilege. Mr. VanBelzen supported the motion. The motion carried.**

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 6:41 to discuss items related to Attorney/Client privilege.

Members reconvened from closed session at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Brehler asked for members to consider the By-Laws and Intercounty Agreement, with potential revisions surrounding the departure of Calhoun County. He noted that what is presented simply reduces the number of Board representation by removing Calhoun. This changes the percentages of dollar amounts when calculation for future departures, should such occur. Might need to look at how seats on the Board are allocated, and possibly add a provision to look at apportionment every 10 years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.