

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

October 27, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.  
Michigan High School Athletic Association  
1661 Ramblewood Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan

### **MINUTES**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dale Barr  
Joe Brehler  
Jan Bunting  
Shirley Carter  
Dale Copedge  
Brad Densmore  
Debbie DeLeon  
Jean Golden  
Cliff Herl  
Lisa McCafferty, Ionia alternate member  
Jerry Michalowicz  
Earl Poleski  
Deborah Smith  
Ralph Tillotson  
Bob VanBelzen  
Jim VanDoren

#### **GUESTS:**

Judith Cates, CEI-CMHB

#### **STAFF:**

Gary VanNorman, Executive Director  
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager  
Mary Kronquist, Treatment Manager  
Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary  
Jeanne Diver, CCC & QA Manager

#### **MEMBER ABSENT:**

Robert Showers, Chairman  
Lynn Mason

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Tillotson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. VanBelzen called roll; 16 present and one absent. Three members arrived after roll call.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2008**

**Mr. Herl moved approval of the minutes of September 22, 2008 as presented. Ms. McCafferty supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

There were no additions or deletions offered.

**Mr. Barr moved to accept the agenda as printed. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Items in the packet were provided for information. Late items included a letter and response on ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care) which will be discussed later in the meeting, and the article from the Washington Post is pertinent as it concerns alternatives to prison. Program Development Committee minutes and activity reports were also provided.

**Ms. DeLeon moved that staff discontinue providing monthly Activity Reports to the Board. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Treasurer's Reports for September 2008**

**Ms. Carter moved to accept the Community Grant and PA2 report and pay the bills. Ms. DeLeon supported the motion. The motion carried with Ms. McCafferty abstaining.**

**Mr. Poleski moved to accept the Medicaid reports and pay the bills. Mr. Herl supported the motion. The motion carried with Ms. McCafferty abstaining.**

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

Ms. McCafferty reported on the meeting, stating they received an update on the CCC, a prevention update on SPF-SIG, reviewed the Methadone RFP, and appointed the Committee chairperson as the representative to the Audit Committee.

**Mr. VanDoren moved to confirm the appointment of the Committee chairperson as the representative to the Audit Committee. Mr. Copedge supported the motion. The motion carried.**

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

Members were updated on the banking situation and movement of some funds to Comerica Bank. Staff will work with Mr. Poleski on a formal Investment Policy, which will be presented for approval at the January 2009 meeting.

**Mr. Brehler moved to approve the actions taken by staff, in conjunction with the Treasurer and Chairman, to diversify Mid-South funds. Mr. Poleski supported the motion. The motion carried.**

Updates were provided to all members on status of PA2 accounts. Another update will be provided once all payables are cleared.

**Mr. Densmore moved to approve \$40,000 of Hillsdale County PA2 funds for the Hillsdale County Juvenile Court to support programming. Mr. Barr supported the motion. The motion carried.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Director's Report**

- All contracts for this year are out to providers, there are 35 in total.
- Our CEI PIHP site visit was last week; we did well and expect a letter of approval.
- Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) letter sent in packet. This is a positive thing to happen in substance abuse, if it is done correctly. A meeting was held in September when ODCP shared information with providers, CA directors, and the Feds. The state indicated movement is already underway towards this end, and ODCP asked for agreement from CAs. There was no agreement as it has not yet been defined. This impacts what will need to be done in 3-5 years, which the state wants in 2 years. The state wants a work group consisting of the recovery community, CAs, clients, and other stakeholders to look at this. Another issue is the state of Michigan has no money to make it happen, which is a concern. The City of Detroit received millions to do it and now can't sustain it, which the Feds want them to do.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Commission.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cates, noting she is a member of ALSAO (Association of Licensed Substance Abuse Organizations), made some brief comments about Recovery Oriented System of Care.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.