

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

February 18, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan

MINUTES

Members Present: Jan Bunting; Shirley Carter; Dale Copedge; Jean Golden; Cliff Herl; Lynn Mason; Deb Smith

Members Absent: Dale Barr; Jerry Michalowicz; Jim VanDoren

Staff: Gary VanNorman, Executive Director; Mary Kronquist, Treatment & Program Development Manger; Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager; Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary; Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Manager; Dr. Jack Baker, Medical Director

Guests: Mike Blanksma, ESAP; Bruce Hindenach, CDRS; Lisa Larson, CDRS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Ms. Golden.

Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2007

Mr. Herl moved approval of the minutes of November 19, 2007 as presented. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

A. Election of Committee Chair

Mr. Herl nominated Ms. Mason for committee chair. Ms. Carter supported the nomination. No further nominations were received. Ms. Mason was unanimously elected as Program Development Committee chair for 2008.

Ms. Mason nominated Ms. Carter for committee vice chair. Mr. Herl supported the motion. No further nominations were received. Ms. Carter was unanimously elected as Program Development Committee vice chair for 2008.

B. Program Review-Eaton Substance Abuse Program

Ms. Diver reported this program is performing very well. She stated their overall score is 98%; Administration 100%, Clinical 95%, and Financial 100%. She also reported their Satisfaction Survey scores are averaging 80-85%. Ms. Golden asked Mr. Blanksma whether there are any significant trends seen in the program. He responded heroin use has increased. He added most heroin gets into the state through the Chicago corridor. Ms. Mason asked Mr. Blanksma if he had one item for a “wish list”. He responded on the uncertainty of funding and budget, and more CAC requirements from ODCP create additional hurdles for programs to deal with, all with no funding or cost of living increases. He also noted his concern with a focus more towards more costly methods of treatment as opposed to community-based treatment services. Mr. Blanksma also reported that alcohol remains the number one drug of choice seen in his program.

C. Regional Access/Utilization

Ms. Kronquist reported that ODCP issued a treatment policy in 2006 which established requirements for the access management system (AMS) as it applies to CAs and the provider network. She also noted that in 2006, the Administrative Rules were revised to define access management as an administrative function. Ms. Kronquist noted how each CA implements the requirements is at their discretion. After visiting three other CAs who have brought these services in-house, Ms. Kronquist stated it is the desire of Mid-South to move some CDR administrative access functions in-house, which would result in a reduction in costs associated with the current contractual relationship.

Ms. Mason moved to recommend to the Commission that AAR functions be brought in-house. Ms. Carter supported the motion.

Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Herl stated his initial opposition to this request. He asked if an opinion was received from the Attorney General or corporate counsel, and if so, he requested copies to be provided. Ms. Golden agreed that more information was needed before making a decision.

Mr. Herl moved to table this item until further information is provided by staff. Ms. Golden supported the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Golden also requested program evaluations for the past five years be provided to the committee. She also stated the committee needs to hear from CDRS on any pros or cons to this action—sooner rather than later. She lastly noted that any objections CDRS may have to this action should be provided in writing to the committee.

D. Detox Services

Ms. Kronquist reported the Commission has been using the Salvation Army program in Grand Rapids and Washington Way in Jackson for detox services for several years. She added Salvation Army has requested a rate increase that is substantially higher than what is currently paid. She further reported discussions have been going on with CEI/House of Commons to possibly reopen their detox program, which closed several months ago. Ms. Kronquist noted with the recent news that St. Lawrence is discontinuing its inpatient services; there will be no detox services available in Ingham County. She added the House of Commons would provide 6 detox beds, and they only need to get their license out of inactive status to reopen. She indicated discussions will continue, and results will be reported back to this committee.

E. Methadone RFP Development

Ms. Kronquist reported Mid-South has two methadone providers under contract at this time, and the desire is to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for methadone treatment and dosing services in Ingham County (the other provider is in Jackson County). She added the reason for wanting to let out the RFP is to ensure program sustainability, potential cost savings, and to review options to address the needs of the clients. She stated a total of \$212,123 is currently allocated to the CEI-G14 program.

Mr. Herl moved approval for staff to develop and bring back to the committee an RFP for methadone treatment and dosing services in Ingham County. Ms. Bunting supported the motion. The motion carried.

F. SAMHSA's Services Grant for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Request For Award (RFA)

Ms. Kronquist reported SAMHSA has let an RFA for women's treatment services targeting pregnant and postpartum women and their children in a residential setting. She added Mid-South would be the lead agency with other providers joining along with other human service agencies in the area should a proposal be submitted. Ms. Kronquist also reported one stipulation for the grant is having an Advisory Board. Ms. Kronquist stated the staff recommendation is to work with community resources and treatment providers to submit a proposal for this grant, and that the Program Development Committee be the Advisory Board.

Ms. Golden moved to recommend to the Commission approval for staff to work with community resources and treatment providers to submit a proposal for the SAMHSA pregnant and postpartum women's grant, and for the Program Development Committee to be the Advisory Board if a grant is received. Mr. Herl supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. VanNorman updated the committee that the latest SPF-SIG plan was submitted to the State on time and is currently in review status. He reported a total of five CAs have plans in, some others are working on theirs, and some are working on the initial needs assessment. He added a total of \$155,000 more than was allocated by the state to spend over the next three years. He added this was done since other CAs are not in a position to spend all of their dollars. Hopefully, the state will see that we are and give us some additional funding to use in six of our counties.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.