

MID-SOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**February 25, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Hilliard Building, 1st Floor Conference Room
121 E. Maple Street
Mason, Michigan**

M I N U T E S

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Debbie DeLeon, Chair
Joe Brehler
Jan Bunting
Shirley Carter
Dale Copedge
Brad Densmore
Cliff Herl
Lynn Mason
Jerry Michalowicz
Earl Poleski
Robert Showers
Deb Smith
Ralph Tillotson
Jim VanDoren

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dale Barr
Jean Golden
Bob VanBelzen

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. DeLeon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Poleski called roll; 11 present and 6 absent. Three members arrived after roll call.

GUESTS:

Christian McDaniel, CEI-CMHA
Judith Cates, CEI-CMHA
Roxanne Johnson-Turner, CDRS
Una Isaacs, CDRS
Lisa Larson, CDRS
Katie Brewer, CDRS
Lisa McCafferty, ICSAI
Michael Hetzuar

STAFF:

Gary VanNorman, Exec. Director
Gerrie Roeser, Finance Manager
Lori Griffin, Exec. Secretary
Jeanne Diver, QA Manager
Joel Hoepfner, Prev. Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2008

Mr. Showers moved approval of the minutes of January 28, 2008 as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added under Committee Reports, Executive Committee Report, Item 1 c), Ionia County use of PA2 dollars.

Mr. Poleski moved adoption of the agenda. Mr. Showers supported the motion. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. VanNorman noted two items were provided, both for information. The first had to do with Pride Youth Programs, and the second was an article related to LifeWays.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Hindenach spoke, reporting on his case management program with DHS. He reported an evaluation was recently completed and the program was found to be “satisfactory” and DHS is satisfied with the partnership with CDRS. Mr. Hindenach also reported that he was informed DHS wants to expand the program and are offering his agency an additional \$50,000. He thanked the Commission for its support, and introduced and thanked his staff members who work on the DHS contract.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Director’s Report – G. VanNorman

Mr. VanNorman reported approximately \$20,000 of Medicaid dollars in Washtenaw County (relative to Lenawee County) were identified, and staff is pursuing options for programming in the county this year to assure all dollars are spent on client services. He added two proposals were received which will be reviewed by the management team.

Mr. VanNorman reported feedback was received on the SPF-SIG Implementation Plan. The state is pleased with the submission, but there is some work to do on the budget.

Lastly, Mr. VanNorman reported staff is working in Newaygo County to identify a new fiduciary agency for the coalition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Treasurer's Report for January 2008

Mr. Tillotson moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report for Community Grant and PA2 for January 2008 as presented. Ms. Mason supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Tillotson moved acceptance of the Medicaid Treasurer's Report for January 2008 as presented. Mr. VanDoren supported the motion. The motion carried.

B. Executive-Personnel-Finance Committee Report

Mr. VanNorman reported the budget amendments were thoroughly reviewed by the Committee, who recommends their approval. He reported overall changes as follows: MDCH reduced \$783,000 due to Calhoun County departure; ABW reduced \$103,856 due to closed enrollment; PA2 increased \$146,667 due to replacing federal dollars. Additionally, a shift of local interest income in the administrative budget of \$30,548 was necessary to help defray the block grant reduction due to Calhoun's departure.

Mr. Tillotson moved approval of the budget amendments as presented. Mr. Densmore supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. VanNorman stated the request from the Ionia County Board of Commissioners is to use \$15,000 of PA2 dollars to pursue accreditation of the treatment network was not in the amendment. Ms. Mason reported the Board did approve this use of dollars, and timing is important as it can take from 6 to 9 months for the accreditation process. She also stated that the Ionia County Substance Abuse Initiative group is not interested at this time in having the CMH provide substance abuse treatment in the county.

Ms. Mason moved approval for the use of \$15,000 in Ionia County PA2 dollars for accreditation for the treatment network in the county. Mr. Brehler supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Showers reminded Ms. Mason that the decision to use PA2 dollars is for the Commission to make, not the County Board. He added that members generally agree with the recommendation of the county representatives.

C. Program Development Committee Report

Mr. Copedge reported Ms. Mason was elected as the new chair of the committee, and Ms. Carter was elected vice chair for this year. He further reported ESAP was reviewed, and is performing very well. Mr. Copedge reported the Committee had discussion on detox services in Ingham County, and approved development of a methadone RPF to be submitted for review.

Ms. Mason moved to accept the Program Development Committee report. Ms. Carter supported the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

Mr. Densmore moved approval of the Slate of Officers as presented. Ms. Smith supported the motion. The motion carried.

Officers for 2008 are:

Robert Showers, Chair
Ralph Tillotson, Vice Chair
Earl Poleski, Treasurer
Bob VanBelzen, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Judi Cates spoke, thanking the Commission for working with the Clinton County program. She introduced Chris McDaniel who spoke on the changes taking place and their goals for the upcoming year.

Mr. VanNorman noted to all members that the Commission's Conflict of Interest Policy was handed out and needs to be reviewed and signed, as it is required for audit purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.