

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**November 15, 2004 - 6:00 p.m.
Michigan High School Athletic Association
1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, Michigan**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jean Golden, Chair; Shirley Carter-Johnson; Ron Clark; Debbie De Leon; Dave Ewell; Lisa McCafferty

ABSENT: Ben Miller; Hattie Oliver; Bill Swint

STAFF: Robin Reynolds, Executive Director; Jeanne Diver, Quality Assurance Manager; Lori Griffin, Executive Secretary

GUESTS: Latisha Heath, Lansing Teen Court; Troy Wendell, Sparrow SAU/Lansing Teen Court; Denytha Jones, Lansing Teen Court; Deputy Phillip Jones, Ingham County Sheriff's Office; Major Allen Spyke, Ingham County Sheriff's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Golden called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

Ms. Carter-Johnson moved approval of the Minutes of September 20, 2004. Ms. De Leon 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. Program Review-Lenawee County: Sage Center and McCullough, Vargas & Associates

McCullough, Vargas & Associates

Ms. Diver reported McCullough, Vargas & Associates is located in Adrian and provides services for community grant and Medicaid clients, which include assessments for outpatient treatment, outpatient individual and group treatment, co-occurring mental health and substance abuse services in a joint effort with Mid-South and Lenawee CMH, and an IOP program for Spanish speaking clients. She continued with their scores as follows: Site Review-Clinical 99%; Satisfaction Surveys 91% (251 surveyed); 581 admissions for FY 04; three delinquencies; no Concerns, and Barriers noted were lack of dependable transportation.

Ms. Reynolds presented the financial review findings, reporting they drew down all of their BSAS funding and Medicaid was increased from last year. She added their site visit score was 83%, with documentation of income missing from some files. Other than that, she reported the files were well organized, and all documentation that was missing from files was found on-site.

Sage Center

Ms. Diver reported Sage Center is also located in Adrian at Bixby Medical Center, with a satellite office in Tecumseh at Herrick Hospital. She continued by reporting the Adrian site specializes in Women and Families Services as the designated Women's Specialty Program. Ms. Diver stated they provide assessments for outpatient and IOP services, IOP treatment services for women, and case management services which coordinate ancillary and community support services for women. In addition, she noted they also provide assessments traditional outpatient and IOP treatment services, and work with adolescents at the Maurice Spears Campus. Ms. Diver reported the Tecumseh site offers assessments for outpatient and IOP services and treatment services. Ms. Diver continued, reporting their Site Review-Clinical scores of 96% for Adrian and 96% for Tecumseh; Satisfaction Surveys 86% and 91%, respectively; Admissions totaled 485 (Adrian) and 10 (Tecumseh); Delinquencies totaled 2 in Adrian and one in Tecumseh; Concerns for both were the departure of the director; and Barriers reported in Adrian were lack of dependable transportation. Ms. Diver expanded on the departure of the director, stating she has moved to California and at the present time, is working via E-Mail and fax until a new director is hired, which is hoped to be soon.

Ms. Reynolds presented the financial review, reporting they scored 67% in Adrian and 78% in Tecumseh, and did draw down their allocation fully. She added that the allocation for the Tecumseh site was decreased for the new fiscal year relative to the number of clients they see. Ms. Reynolds noted there were some non-compliant files

due to not having verification of income, and some Medicaid files had MediFax run the day before the visit rather than monthly. She stated the program is working hard during their period of transition.

Mr. Clark commented that the lack of transportation seems to be a barrier noted throughout all of the region, and asked if this could be addressed. Ms. Reynolds responded this is an ongoing problem, especially in rural areas, but added sometimes it is due to a lack of motivation on the client's part to seek other means of transportation, i.e., using the public bus line.

B. Ingham County DARE Proposal

Ms. Golden invited representatives from the Sheriff's Office to speak to the proposal.

Major Spyke began by stating he had met with the Chairperson of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and the Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee, and based on the letter sent from the Law Enforcement Committee, they urge the Commission to support the request for full DARE funding. Mr. Spyke stated the total being requested, \$73,245, is a small percentage of the dollars allocated from the Sheriff's Office to DARE, which is \$355,235. He further stated that as a former undercover narcotics agent, he had seen first hand the destruction drug abuse incurs on society. He added that treatment and enforcement are important aspects of the war on drugs, but education is important to provide before the fact. He also stated that the Sheriff's Office believes in the DARE program.

Mr. Clark noted that the total DARE budget amount and asked if Mid-South funding pays for one officer. Major Spyke stated it does, with benefits and other costs included. Ms. Golden asked Major Spyke if he was familiar with studies that have shown DARE is not effective. He responded he was, and asked if a program should be abandoned just because of what studies show, and if treatment programs should be abandoned if they are shown to be ineffective. He added that for every study that says DARE is ineffective, there is another that says the opposite. Ms. Golden also asked Major Spyke if Mid-South were able to identify any programs more effective than DARE if the Sheriff's Office would support them without use of Ingham deputies. Mr. Spyke stated they would be willing to look at them. Ms. Golden then noted it is Mid-South's charge to make sure dollars are being spent on the most effective programs, and that is why the DARE proposal is under such scrutiny by the Commission. She noted her pleasure that the department would be willing to look at alternative programs, regardless if those programs use the Sheriff deputies. Ms. Golden also noted that the State as ceased funding of DARE programs, and funding was also taken away at the Federal level due to ineffectiveness of the program. She also stated it is recognized that one of the benefits of DARE is having police officers in the schools to develop relationships between officers and youth, but noted it isn't the role of this Commission to improve these relationships. Mr. Clark noted that Mid-South's prevention plan focuses on risk and protective factors, stating he didn't see protective factors in the DARE program. He

asked how the Sheriff's Office sees DARE delivering or helping to foster protective factors. Major Spyke responded that DARE teaches kids how to make good choices, resist peer pressure and how to choose to best protect ones self.

Discussion turned to the budget and reasons it has changed. Mr. Elwell also asked for an explanation why the Resolution failed in the Ingham County Finance Committee. Ms. De Leon responded it was due to committee members concerns with it's effectiveness. She also noted one member felt it was not the counties place to tell this Commission how to vote. Mr. Ewell noted that the vote from the Ingham County Caucus was to fund DARE at a nine month level and asked if dollars are available for that. Ms. Reynolds responded that the caucus figured with a reduction in the reserve held from 10% to 8%, and the expected NCA repayment, they would be, but next year dollars will be tight and decisions will need to be made to prioritize funding. She noted that at this time, there are sufficient funds to fund DARE either in full or in part. She also noted another program which was cut to half-time which the caucus wishes to increase funding to 3/4 time, and there is a proposal to be considered from the Lansing Teen Court for an increase. Ms. Golden asked if the Sheriff Department received an increase from the County this fiscal year. Ms. De Leon stated she didn't believe any departments received increases. It was noted the rationale for funding DARE for nine months was that school was out for three months. Major Spyke stated that during the summer months, the officers work on curriculum, training, and use vacation time they are unable to use during the school year. Members reviewed various scenarios presented by staff which show available funding.

Ms. De Leon moved to table the DARE request until after the presentation from Lansing Teen Court on their funding proposal. Ms. Carter-Johnson supported the motion. Motion carried.

C. Lansing Teen Court Proposal

Ms. Latisha Heath, representing the Lansing Teen Court spoke to their proposal, stating they are requesting \$56,000 in additional funding to hire a full time case manager and a site coordinator. She added if both could not be funded, priority would be for the case manager. In response to questions, Ms. Heath reported the case manager would maintain referrals from the Prosecutor's Office (which have doubled from last year), conduct screening, assessment, education, case management services to adolescents and their families. In response to Ms. Golden's question on how many of the 120 scheduled cases in Teen Court in 2004 were related to substance abuse or screened positive for substance abuse, Ms. Heath estimated maybe 1/3 were. Ms. Reynolds added that specific statistics are included in the Teen Court's year-end reports. Ms. Heath added there is substance abuse education provided to potential teen jurors, substance abuse related questions at intake, and the Street Law course has substance abuse topics

Mr. Wendell reported this court started as a pilot program three years ago, and results are showing that less than 10% of the youth who have been through Teen Court have come back into the court system. He also added there are other school districts interested in participating. Mr. Wendell also stated the Teen Court has partnered with Child and Family Services to write a grant for some Federal dollars, which they didn't secure the first time, and will try again.

Ms. Golden asked if the additional request is funded by Mid-South, that added to the \$25,000 already provided, would equate to a large portion of the entire program budget. She asked if other partner agencies were approached for additional funding. Mr. Wendell replied that the United Way did provide a small increase last year, and he was unsure if the request had been addressed by the City of Lansing. He noted he and the Director agree that the case manager position is the most important to fund.

Ms. Reynolds stated her reluctance to fund a position which may not be able to be funded next year due to the Commission's funding situation, plus it is uncertain what impact the Drug Courts in Ingham County will have. Ms. Golden stated that the Commission needs to provide funding for those programs which are targeted to its mission. She added that in her opinion, the Teen Court is valuable to those who get involved in the Court system, and DARE is good in some other areas, but do they work, dollar-for-dollar on the substance abuse issues the Commission wants to fund. She further stated she would vote for limited funding for DARE and was not comfortable at this time with what the Teen Court is asking for.

Mr. Clark moved to continue funding Teen Court at the current level (\$25,000) with no expansion increase, and for them to return with a proposal for proportional funding based on the number of substance abusers identified as having been served. Mr. Elwell supported the motion.

Ms. De Leon inquired about funding a part-time position for Teen Court. Ms. Golden replied a future proposal could be entertained by the Committee. Ms. Carter-Johnson agreed that match funding should be provided to Teen Court, and was in favor of funding DARE at the 9 month rate. Ms. Golden asked representatives from Teen Court to prepare a proposal for proportional funding for a case manager, with information on actual numbers of kids served with substance abuse issues included in the proposal.

Vote called on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved to remove the Ingham County DARE proposal from the table. Ms. McCafferty supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Clark moved to provide funding the Ingham County DARE in the amount of \$54,963. Mr. Elwell supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Ionia County Treatment RFP

Ms. Reynolds stated the Commission has a contract with Life Guidance Services at the present time. She added that when the Provider Panel was approved in September, they were recommended for a three month contract due to their low performance. In a subsequent meeting with the Program Director, Ms. Reynolds stated he indicated the program could not obtain the desired results in three months, so it was their choice to have services put out for bid. Ms. Reynolds reported that outpatient, intensive outpatient and women's services in Ionia County, as well as outreach activities will be included in the bid. She added it will be requested that whomever is chosen will have to be physically located in Ionia County. Ms. Reynolds stated she would like approval to issue the RFP, and also for volunteers from the Committee to review any proposals received. She further reported the budget will be \$60,000 of MDCH funding and unlimited Medicaid dollars. Lastly, Ms. Reynolds stated Life Guidance will continue to provide services until a new provider is selected.

Mr. Elwell moved approval for an RFP to be let out for treatment services in Ionia County. Ms. De Leon supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McCafferty volunteered to review proposals.

E. Retreat

Ms. Reynolds stated that during their caucus, the Ingham County representatives recommended a full Board Retreat be held to allow members to look at what is currently funded and to determine priorities for future funding. She added that since the Board is expected to lose at least four members next year, it would be better to hold a retreat after the new year when new members are on board. It was the consensus of members for staff to identify some possible dates to take to the full Board for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business brought before the Commission.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.