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AU SABLE VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

October 26, 2009

MINUTES

I. CONVENE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board was held on Monday, July 27, 2009 at the Extension Office in Mio. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Williams at 6:00 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL. Board members present: Patti Casey, Bernadine Clark, Scott Colclasure, Robert Cudney, Jim Cummins, Kay Hammond, Robert Huddy, Michael Welsch, Clyde Soucie, Joe Stone, Rose Walsh and Dr. Williams.

Board members absent: None.

Staff present: Floyd Smith, Glenn Gray, Lois Gartland, and Lee Mertz

Guests: Gary Ridley.

B. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES.

Moved by Ms. Casey, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the Minutes of the September Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Mr. Cudney, seconded by Ms. Walsh to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

D. CORRESPONDENCE None.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS None.



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F. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** None.

G. **CONSUMER COMMENTS** None.

II. **REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson.** None.

B. **Board Association.**

Several members who attended the Board Association Conference during the previous week shared comments regarding the conference. In general, members thought one particular speaker was excellent and several attended Boardworks sessions. There was significant discussion regarding the budget and especially for 2011. Mr. Welsch provided Dr. Smith with handouts regarding a Veteran's program which looks to be valuable. There was a request to have Conference Agenda sent to Board members in advance of conference. There was also a request to research into purchasing the Boardworks DVD's so members can obtain this information and training.

C. **Director**

Dr. Smith's printed report of areas of interest to the Board was distributed and reviewed. Dr. Smith indicated that we are close to having figures we need to develop our budget. Specifically, Dr. Smith shared CMH support from Representative McDowell (from the Eastern U.P.) and Senator Kahn, (from Saginaw), who both did a tremendous amount of work so our reductions did not get any worse than the Governor's proposal. Dr. Smith noted concerns for 2011 budget and what the final figures are going to be and shared that we will need to be aware of what kind of preparations we will need to make, especially with General Fund monies.

With the news regarding both our general fund and Medicaid figures, we are in much better shape from where we were a month ago. It now appears that we will be able to maintain all programs, and still have the monies which are necessary to cover the increased program needs which reflect the increase in the number of people needing our services. Dr. Smith shared his appreciation for the Staff, Board, DCH, Board Association and Legislators for how well things have come through for us in this situation. Dr. Williams commended the administration for the type of anticipation and planning that was done. Dr. Smith expressed appreciation for the Board's support and their willingness for opportunities to plan ahead in these types of situations.

Mr. Cummins questioned what we are doing with regard to flu situation. Dr. Smith indicated that we generally provide the flu vaccine for staff, but we were not able to obtain a supply this year. We have informed staff if they get them themselves, we will reimburse them up to \$ 25. Several suggestions where the flu shot is still available were reviewed. Mr. Stone indicated that the H1N1 vaccine should be available very soon in our area. There was question if we have had any H1N1 situations yet, which Mr. Mertz indicated one staff member has had and was off for several days, and now back to work.

B. Committees

1. Executive & Finance. Committee met on October 13, 2009.

Committee report was presented by Bernadine Clark as Committee Chairperson.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond to accept the September Vouchers as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Casey to apply to the Commission on Accreditation for renewal of our accreditation with them as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond that the Director be provided authority to enter into respite contracts, up to a maximum of five such contracts at any given time as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the contract amendment with Leelin Home Health Care at \$28 per hour and which applies only to the time that worker is actually on site as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Stone to approve contact with Northeastern Michigan Child & Family Services for child residential services at the rates of \$ 126 per day for community living services and \$ 145 a day for room and board; for non-residential services the cost of skills training is \$ 84 per hour as presented, with signature by the Director. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the write-off's as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Colclasure to approve the low bid from CBI, Inc. of Saginaw, for a Kyocera KM-5050 copier for the Oscoda Center, at a cost of \$ 10,141 as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

2. **Building Committee.** *Committee met on October 22, 2009.*

Committee report was presented by Joe Stone as Chairperson on the Building Committee.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Soucie to accept the bid of John's Home Maintenance, at \$10,295, per the specifications which were presented, for replacement of the Beechwood roof as presented. It was noted that the Board has had positive experience with this contractor in the past.

Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Colclasure to authorize our attorney to send Wakefield Construction a letter describing the situation with the shower bathroom at the Edwards Group Home and demanding that they make correction of it, within a very short period of time; and that if we do not get the necessary response from Wakefield, that we authorize Mike Pallagi to make the necessary corrections, while exploring with legal counsel what additional action may be appropriate in this area as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Cudney to seek bids for three mini vans; two twelve passenger vans; and one station wagon, to replace the six vehicles as noted. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Colclasure to approve the Priority List for 2010 as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

As Board Treasurer, Ms. Clark suggested that bids be secured only after we have a firm budget in hand which there was agreement on.

Ms. Casey shared appreciation for the significant amount of money that Mike Pallegi, our Maintenance Person in Oscoda has saved the agency by doing many of these building projects.

III. PLANNING SESSION – Gentle Teaching Overview

Deputy Director for Developmental Disabilities, Lee Mertz, provided an overview of Gentle Teaching. He shared that our Board is on cutting edge, between Board and Staff, in this approach and how we have been developing this strategy for the past 24 months. He described the approach as people caring about people; and People feeling safe and loved. Mr. Mertz indicated that our Board is the only one in the Affiliation that is not having a serious problem with high-cost consumers. He reviewed that David Lane has had this philosophy for our DD Division for the past twenty years and Gentle Teaching is a refinement of this approach.

Mr. Mertz distributed A Gentle Teaching Primer to members of the Board and presented portions of a DVD by John McGee, Ph.D., Gentle Teaching Expert.

Mr. Mertz provided information as to why we are taking this strategic approach to our DD programs as we are continually striving to build a better program, to retain quality staff and to provide effective and efficient services. He provided an example of a recent situation which demonstrates how this approach is working. Mr. Mertz shared that we are working harder and also working smarter. He described the benefits and values of our Consumer Owned Homes and upcoming plans to further develop additional such homes in our community.

Mr. Mertz reviewed the Gentle Teaching Management Strategy and that we have seen it work. He indicated that we have saved over a million dollars in last twenty four months, by bringing people home or by not sending people out of county and with using the gentle teaching training and approach. Mr. Mertz reviewed that Gentle Teaching is going to cut down on worker's compensation claims, unemployment, and help on our turnover. He reported that Satisfaction Surveys are telling us that we are making a difference, and that everyone that we employ and who we provide services to will benefit from this approach. There was question if we are involving families in this approach which Mr. Mertz indicated that we are. Dr. Williams also shared his feelings of people everywhere having this Gentle Teaching approach and how beneficial this would be.

IV. OLD BUSINESS None.

V. NEW BUSINESS None.

V. COMMENTS

- A. BOARD. None.*
- B. STAFF. None.*
- C. PUBLIC. None.*

VI. MEETING DATES

A. BOARD. Next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board's Tawas City Office.

B. COMMITTEES.

- 1. Personnel. Monday, November 2, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*
- 2. Program. Thursday, October 29, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*
- 4. Executive & Finance. Monday, November 30, 5:00 p.m., West Branch Office.*
- 5. Recipient Rights Advisory. Thursday, November 12, 3:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*

VIII. ADJOURN

*Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Welsch that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



*Lois A. Gartland
Recording Secretary*