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AU SABLE VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

June 22, 2009

MINUTES

I. CONVENE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board was held on Monday, June 22, 2009 at the Tawas City Office. 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, Dave Beck, and Lee Mertz.

Guests: None.

B. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES.

Moved by Mr. Soucie, seconded by Mr. Cudney to approve the Minutes of the May Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Moved by Mr. Welsch, seconded by Ms. Casey to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

D. CORRESPONDENCE

None.



Services for emotionally disturbed, developmentally disabled and chemically dependent individuals provided through state and local cooperation.
Serving Iosco, Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

G. CONSUMER COMMENTS

None.

II. INITIAL REPORT ON D.C. TRIP

Lee Mertz reported that recently 14 consumers 3 staff and one volunteer visited Washington D.C. for the Capital Hill Day. Mr. Mertz shared that none of these consumers had been to Washington D.C. before and found the trip very exciting and informative. Mr. Mertz reported our group was the only contingent who had a face-to-face session with Representative Bart Stupak and Senator Debbie Stabenow. He shared that the Congresspeople talked at length and were very supportive. They indicated that federal monies are available with Medicaid right now, but that we need to lobby our State Legislators to make sure we have state monies to match the federal funding. Dr. Smith indicated that there is a 71% federal share that must include a 29% state match in order to receive federal funding.

Mr. Mertz shared that that group was unable to talk to Senator Carl Levin. He indicated that the Michigan Association of CMH Board was very supportive and helped coordinate meetings. Mr. Mertz also reported that with several donations from a variety of sources along with person consumer funds, there was no cost to the agency for this trip but rather the funds available actually exceeded the cost of the trip. Mr. Mertz shared how many of our consumers have become very strong in their own advocacy and the impact this has.

Mr. Welsch shared that the MACMHB's Executive Committee was very impressed that we sent so many consumers and again pointed out that we were the only one face to face contact with the Legislators. Dr. Smith shared that Representative Joel Sheltrown and Senator Tony Stamas are very supportive as well.

Mr. Huddy shared his personal experience with a consumer in the community and how excited he was and the stories he told about the trip.

Mr. Mertz reviewed that this truly was an awesome experience for everyone involved. He also reported to the Board that we now have consumers who train the staff on what it's like to experience developmental disabilities which is extremely effective.

III. REPORTS

A. Chairperson.

None.

B. Board Association.

Dr. Williams indicated that he has received a bill from the Michigan Association of CMH Boards for our dues. Question of how much the dues cost was reported to be \$ 11,164.00, with it being noted that the dues were not raised with recent request and subsequent discussions.

Moved by Mr. Welsch, seconded by Ms. Hammond to pay the Michigan Association of CMH Board dues in the amount of \$ 11,164 as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

C. Director

Dr. Smith's printed report of areas of interest to the Board was distributed and reviewed.

Dr. Smith shared that he is proud of the staff who put the Capital Hill trip together and the people who went to it. In particular he thanked Sue Parent, DD staff person in Oscoda who was the main person to organize the trip.

Dr. Smith also offered comment on what we are seeing from some very expensive placements and the work that DD Staff did in putting one particular program together. He shared that staff are working with consultant staff, that they have continued to practice gentle teaching techniques, and overall doing a wonderful job.

D. Committees

1. **Building.** *Committee met on May 28, 2009.*

Committee Report was presented and reviewed by Joe Stone as Committee Chairperson.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Hammond to pursue the installation of a new air condition unit at AuSable Center, at a cost not to exceed \$ 3,200 as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

2. **Executive & Finance.** *Committee met on June 16, 2009.*

Committee report was presented by Bernadine Clark as Committee Chairperson.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Colclasure to receive the May Financial Statements and Expenditures as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Walsh to approve the Contract Amendment with the Department of Community Health, reflecting the budget reduction called for by the Governor's executive order as presented, with signature by the Director. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Stone. to approve changes in our standard vendor contract as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Soucie to enter into a proposed contract with AT & T as presented, with signature by the Director.

Ms. Walsh raised several questions regarding prior contracts and projected savings which Mr. Gray and Ms. Gartland responded to.

Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

3. **Program.** *Committee met on June 18, 2009.*

In preparation for the Program Committee's discussion of how the Board plans to handle the State Budget situation, Dr. Williams shared a number of comments. He reviewed that we are

a service organization, and one that is service oriented. We have a mission and that we are all trying to fulfill that mission. He shared that our Director and Deputy Directors do their jobs very well, but that they are not Accountants. The work they do reflects a lot of hard work, study, commitment, and often makes information/proposals look simple to the Board. These proposals truly reflect a commitment to our consumers, our staff, and the continued efforts not destroy our programs. Dr. Williams shared that because of this kind of effort and dedication seen in our Director, Deputy Directors and Supervisors how this has helped the Board to adapt to such adverse conditions. He expressed his sincere appreciation for this kind of dedication to come up with these kinds of options and noted they are truly amazing!

Committee report was presented by Patti Casey as Committee Chairperson.

Moved by Ms. Casey, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve Dr. Beck's Option A in dealing with the budget situation as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Memo from Dr. Smith dated Friday, June 19th regarding Boilerplate Language for Senate Version of State Budget was reviewed. In addition, a draft Resolution was also provided. Dr. Smith reviewed several pieces of language which would change the CMHSP system. Such changes including substantially less CMH programs as well as general fund monies being directed through PIHP's rather than directly to CMHSP's were discussed. Dr. Smith indicated that the Department does not have the right to make this change and reviewed several legal issues.

Mr. Welsch noted his satisfaction with the resolution as stated and indicated all of our Boards of Commissioners need to support resolution as well. Dr. Smith indicated if Senate Bill passes we will need to review budget still further.

Moved by Mr. Soucie, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve the Resolution regarding Boilerplate Language of Senate Version of State Budget as presented. Roll call vote taken; all

ayes. Motion carried.

VIII. COMMENTS

A. BOARD. *None.*

B. STAFF. *None.*

Lee Mertz addressed the Board sharing his sense of the work the Board has done and some of the remarkable decisions that have been made, He noted that throughout the years the Board has worked in concert with our Director, Deputy Directors, and Staff. He shared some recent information that is being reviewed regarding consumers at the highest level of cost within the affiliation and that, because of the work we have done to provide a high quality of service on a local basis, none of the people in that group are from our area. Mr. Mertz stressed the importance that as we continue to move forward, as we face troubled times ahead, that we need to continue to stand together ... Board, Administration and Staff and we will be a much stronger team. He shared that we all have a lot to be proud of, and that there will be no question if it's MI, Prevention, DD, we are all vested in providing the quality of services to our consumers. He thanked the members of the Board for the work that they have done.

Dr. Smith expressed appreciation for Ms. Casey's comments regarding the work that Dr. Beck and his Supervisors have done regarding the budget situation and also shared his appreciation to the Program Committee and the Board for their work in this regard.

C. PUBLIC. *None.*

IX. MEETING DATES

A. BOARD. *Next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, July 27, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board's West Branch Office.*

B. COMMITTEES.

- 1. Personnel.** *Monday, June 29, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*
- 2. Program.** *Thursday, July 16, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*

3. *Executive & Finance. Tuesday, July 14, 5:00 p.m., West Branch Office.*
4. *Building. Thursday, June 25, 10:00 a.m., West Branch Office.*

VIII. ADJOURN

*Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Huddy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



*Lois A. Gartland
Recording Secretary*

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