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AU SABLE VALLEY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD

August 24, 2009

MINUTES

I. CONVENE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board was held on Monday, August 24, 2009 at the Board's Oscoda Program Center. 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, Lee Mertz, Dave Beck, Barb Stelloh, Sue Parent, Deb Roach, Beth Parent, Lyn Smith, Mike Pallagi, and Gib Filer.

Guests: Paul Roberts, Diana Lutman, Jerrielynn Cochran, Cheryl Taber, Marjorie Cano, Diane Whitehouse, Paula Yanta, Chris Nielsen.

B. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES.

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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



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D. CORRESPONDENCE

Several items of correspondence were distributed in evening packet. Two resolutions from Oscoda County have been received. Letters from both Representatives Sheltroun and Neuman regarding the Mental Health Budget were also received and shared with the Board. Copy of the Board Association's Friday Facts Newsletter was distributed and briefly reviewed.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

G. CONSUMER COMMENTS

None.

II. RICC TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

Deputy Director for Developmental Disabilities Services Lee Mertz shared his pleasure in introducing staff and consumers who recently participated in the RICC Trip to Washington D.C.

Sue Parent, staff liaison for AuSable Valley CMH and RICC gave an overall summary of the things our RICC members have achieved during the past year. Highlights included Margie Cano receiving the Best Self Advocate Award last fall; the new year beginning with the recognition as statewide "RICC That Made a Difference" award; and work done throughout the spring including legislative contacts in preparation for the Trip to Washington which took place June 6 – 12th. Ms. Parent described the trip as a marvelous adventure. RICC has also been involved with the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition where they are receiving special training in self-esteem and empowerment, to prepare them for leadership. They will then be sharing with other RICC'S what they have learned and help them also gain empowerment. Ms. Parent also reviewed the groups' honor and privilege to be contacted by a member of the Patriot Riders to participate in a Flag Line for the memorial of Amber Finnell. In addition, Ms. Parent expressed her appreciation to the Board for the continuing support.

Several RICC members, including Paul Roberts, Jerrielynn Cochran, and Christopher Nielsen,

shared their positive feelings about their recent trip to Washington, D.C. and described the places they visited and the people they met, including Senator Stabanow and Representative Bart Stupak. Each of the members expressed thanks to the member of the Board for their support.

Ms. Parent also noted that they have been contacted by the DD Council on Public Policy asking if we would participate in annual training regarding self-advocacy. Ms. Parent described this as an honor and that members are investigating this further.

Dr. Smith questioned where money came for this trip which Ms. Parent described as coming from a variety of sources, including consumer funds, some guardians sacrificed some of their fees, portions of a RICC grant, a small allotment from the American Legion, and a donation from the Knights of Columbus.

Barb Stelloh presented a slide presentation of the RICC's Washington D.C. Trip as well as the Flag Line Ceremony. As a part of the presentation several "Thank You's" were also shared and included: To Lee Mertz and the Board for letting them go on the trip; To Sue and Lyn Smith for taking all of them on the trip and for their dedicated advocacy on behalf of all people with disabilities; to Gib and his wife Linda for chaperoning; to Mike for helping with technical support; and to Lynda Leideker for helping us out and teaching them what to do. The RICC presented Lynda Leideker with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Leideker shared that she is so proud of all of these consumers and for the growth they have experienced to where they are giving back to the Community. She encouraged them all to "Keep up the good work!"

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Williams thanked everyone for the presentation and especially those involved in RICC and for themselves and how they are paying back to their community.

Dr. Smith expressed his appreciation for the presentation. He reviewed the issues of security and safety, and shared his pleasure at the ability to raise the money necessary, for the wonderful reception they had as well as the growth each person has had through this experience. Dr. Smith expressed sincere appreciation to Lynda Leideker, recently retired long-time staff member, for her valuable contribution throughout the years and wished her well in her retirement.

Mr. Welsch also informed RICC members that at a recent Board Association Executive Committee Meeting, our group was noted as the only people attending the recent Capitol Hill

Day who received a face to face meeting with Senator Debbie Stabenow and Representative Bart Stupak and that they were very proud of Iosco County RICC as well.

III. REPORTS

A. Chairperson. *None.*

B. Board Association.

Next Board Association Conference will be held on October 19 – 20th in Traverse City. Members were asked to contact Ms. Gartland this week if they would like to attend.

C. Director

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

Dr. Smith offered comment on the RICC trip and of former staff member Lynda Leideker's contribution. He noted that she has had to take an early retirement as she is fighting some major health problems and that we are sorry to see her go.

Dr. Smith shared that he is grateful at having the audit dispute done and that we have the signed agreement in hand. The first installment will be going out this week.

The budget situation was briefly addressed. Dr. Smith distributed the Board's Association's Friday Fax which gives some sense for where it is. He described the possibility of a shut-down (again) of government operations and reported that he has asked Glenn to exercise some caution over the next month to retain our cash reserves.

Dr. Smith also informed the Board that former Board Member Sr. Margot Eder was back in town recently and reportedly doing very well.

B. Committees

1. Executive & Finance. *Committee met on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.*

Committee report was presented by Bernadine Clark as Committee Chairperson.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond to receive the July Statements and Expenditure Reports as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Colclasure to approve the new long-term disability package from Companion Life as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cudney to eliminate our policy on missed appointment fees as presented. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve four contracts as presented:

Joan Spurlin: Rent of West Branch Women's Home, \$ 690 per month;

Carole Sullivan: Rent of home required under Dr. Sathianathan's Contract, \$ 450 per month;

Julie Poletti: Sign Language Interpreter, \$ 35 per hour;

Dr. Paul Liu, Child Psychiatrist, \$ 155 per hour

with signature by the Director. Roll call vote taken; all ayes. Motion carried.

2. Program Committee. Committee met on August 20, 2009.

Committee report was presented and reviewed by Patti Casey as Committee Chairperson.

III. OLD BUSINESS None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS None.

V. COMMENTS

A. BOARD. None.

B. STAFF. Lee Mertz offered thanks to the Board for their support for the Washington DC trip sharing that there were tremendous benefits for consumers and Legislators. He reminded members of the Board that they are making a

difference in the lives of people every day.

C. **PUBLIC.** *None.*

VI. MEETING DATES

A. **BOARD.** *Next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Board's West Branch Office.*

B. **COMMITTEES.**

1. **Personnel.** *Monday, September 21, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*
2. **Program.** *Prior to the Board Meeting – Monday, 5:00 p.m., on September 28, in West Branch.*
3. **Building.** *Thursday, August 27, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Mio Office.*
4. **Executive & Finance.** *Tuesday, September 22, 5:00*
5. **Legislative.** *Monday, August 31, 5:00 p.m., Tawas Office.*

VIII. ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Walsh that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lois A. Gartland
Recording Secretary