

Minutes
**Newaygo County Mental Health
Board of Directors**

June 4, 2009

The regular monthly meeting, held at Newaygo County Mental Health, 1049 Newell, White Cloud, Michigan, was called to order at 10:09 a.m. in the Board conference room. Mr. Deschaine opened the meeting with prayer.

Roll Call

Members present:

Mary Anderson	Ann Brewster	Gerard Deschaine
Mike Hamm	Adele Hansen	Cathy Kellerman
Todd Koopmans	Al Steil	Helen Taube
Josephine Toliver	JoAnn VandenBerg	

Members excused: Stan Nieboer

Staff members present:

Greg Snyder, Executive Director	Carol Mills, Director of Operations
Mike Geoghan, Director of Clinical Services	Jean Shutts, Executive Assistant, Recorder

Public present: Ann Deschaine

Review and approve agenda

Motion by Steil, second by Taube, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, all; Nieboer absent. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes of May 14, 2009

Motion by Hamm, second by Toliver, to approve the minutes of May 14, 2009, as presented. Ayes, all; Nieboer absent. Motion carried.

Ms. Hansen requested all members to complete and submit the committee request form included in the agenda.

Finance Committee – Mike Hamm

The cash schedule was reviewed as was the check register dated 5/18/09. Ms. Mills addressed questions. The financial statements were also reviewed. We are under budget for GF and Medicaid. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on June 22, 1:00 p.m. Bank officials have been invited to attend.

Personnel/Nominating Committee

No report.

Policy Committee

Mr. Steil reported the committee met on May 27 to review policies. **Motion by Steil, second by Anderson, to approve changes to policies 1.PNM.101 – 1.PNM.103A, and 3.HR.201 – 3.HR.208 as presented. Ayes, all; Nieboer absent. Motion carried.** The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, at 11:30 a.m.

Consumer Advisory Committee

Ms. Toliver reported on the meeting of May 28. The next meeting is scheduled for June 26. Empowerment Network is requesting the committee meet one week later in July due to Gerber Days. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2009.

Recipient Rights Committee

A letter from John Sanford, DCH Office of Recipient Rights, was circulated, awarding a perfect score for the recent ORR audit.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for August 3 at 1:00 p.m.

Promotion & Education Committee

Ms. VandenBerg reported on the meeting of May 27. **Motion by VandenBerg, second by Taube, to name the new adult foster care home in White Cloud, *Masters Home*, in honor of the late Brooker L. Masters, M.D., who was chair of the Newaygo County Mental Health Board of Directors for several years. Ayes, all; Nieboer absent. Motion carried.**

Director's report

Mr. Snyder reviewed his written report of June 29 and reported on other activities throughout the month.

A handout from Mike Head of DCH was distributed regarding budget reductions to state CMHSPs. Mr. Snyder indicated that if the reductions had been calculated across-the-board, our GF would have been cut \$120,000, however, due to equalization efforts across the state, the reduction was only \$40,000. For next year, our steady state budget will be reduced by 4% GF; Medicaid will be status quo. Mr. Head has instituted a series of conference calls through the first week of August with CMH directors across the state.

A meeting has been set for June 5 to discuss the future of the Synergy. Mr. Geoghan and Mr. Snyder will attend. A decision must be made by next week to enable the schools to do personnel planning for next year.

Mr. Snyder referred to access data reports noting activities of the agency, including referrals by phone, walk-ins, inpatient, populations, and urgency of need. He noted that the number of walk-ins is increasing. This report will be presented each month.

Ms. Hansen recessed the meeting for lunch from 11:57 a.m. – 12:33 p.m.

Mr. Snyder presented copies of the Michigan attorney general's opinion to the question of who is responsible for the cost of mental health services to county jail inmates. His response was that the county is responsible. Discussion ensued.

MACMHB/National Council update

Mr. Hamm commented on contract negotiation meetings he is attending. DCH is cleaning up old language and wants to include language requiring standard business hours for local CMH offices. Two more dates have been scheduled.

Ms. Anderson reported that the MACMHB Steering Committee meets next Friday, however, she will be in Washington, D.C. Mr. Snyder will attend.

Congratulations were extended to Ms. Anderson on her election as president of Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards.

Public comment - None

Board member remarks

Ms. Hansen received general comments from board members, including reports on sessions attended at the last MACMHB conference.

Motion by Koopmans, second by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Ayes, all; Nieboer absent. Motion carried.

Adele Hansen, Chairperson

JoAnn VandenBerg, Secretary

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