

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

March 12, 2009

The regular monthly meeting, held at Newaygo County Mental Health, 1049 Newell, White Cloud, Michigan, was opened with prayer at 10:42 a.m. by Mr. Deschaine in the Board Conference Room.

Roll Call

Members present:

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

Member excused: Ann Brewster

Staff members present:

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

Public present: Ann Deschaine

Motion by Steil, second by Deschaine, to approve the agenda with the deletion of policies listed for approval under the Policy Committee report. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Taube, second by Anderson, to approve the minutes with the correction on Page 2 under Policy Committee report, ...that Ms Hansen, (not Ms. Taube) and Mr. Steil remain as voting delegates.... Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Mike Hamm

The check register report and cash statement were reviewed. Questions were addressed by Ms. Mills. COFR (County of Financial Responsibility) questions will be addressed at a later date, possibly at a Program Committee meeting.

Ms. Mills reviewed the first quarter financial statement. She noted that the committee should meet soon to discuss the excess Medicaid funds we have and the General Fund deficit. The GF balance will affect the indigent and under-insured that we serve.

Personnel Committee – Adele Hansen

No report.

Policy Committee – Albert Steil

Next meeting set for March 23, 9:30 a.m. The agenda was distributed.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Josephine Toliver

Mrs. Toliver reported on the meeting of February 26. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, and will be preceded by a potluck. She noted that a long-standing member of the committee has moved out of the county. She will attend the March meeting which will include a good-bye celebration for her.

Mr. Deschaine presented changes to the committee's bylaws. **Motion by Toliver, second by VandenBerg, to approve changes to the Consumer Advisory Committee bylaws as presented. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.**

Recipient Rights Committee – Gerard Deschaine

Mr. Deschaine reported on the meeting of February 12, 2009. **Motion by Deschaine, second by Anderson, to approve the full-time employment of Cheryl Parker as recipient rights officer. Ayes all; Brewster, absent. Motion carried.**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 10:00 a.m.

Promotion & Education Committee – JoAnn VandenBerg

The fifth annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes rally is scheduled for May 12. This year the MACMHB PR Committee is asking each CMH to donate \$200 towards the expenses for this event. The participation has grown significantly, and they expect at least 2,500 participants this year. Funds are needed for tent and seating rental.

Motion by VandenBerg, second by Hamm, to approve the expenditure of \$200 for the Walk A Mile in My Shoes event for 2009. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Director's report – Greg Snyder

Mr. Snyder reviewed his written report of March 6, highlighting various activities of the month. He reviewed the affiliation's year-end finance report as well as the projected FY08 allocations.

Requests for proposals were received from various providers for services in the new White Cloud AFC home and the Dallas Darling home in Fremont. Several were interviewed, and the contract was awarded to Moore Living.

Ms. Hansen recessed from 12:00 – 1:05 p.m. for lunch and an employee retirement celebration.

Mr. Snyder continued his report relating his latest experience in Washington, D.C., at the NACBHDD legislative conference. Emphasis was on the American Recovery Investment Act and health care reform. He noted that earlier estimates showed that 47 million people in the U.S. were uninsured, and now that figure is between 60-70 million. In the area of health care reform it appears the emphasis is more on non-severe, short-term medical problems and illnesses.

MACMHB update

Ms. Anderson reported that the new executive director of MACMHB, Mike Vizena, is now on board. Nominations are requested from each CMH for officers of the executive board. Elections will be held at the annual spring conference in May.

Motion by Steil, second by Toliver, to nominate Mary Anderson for president. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Deschaine, to nominate Ed Woods, for first vice-president. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Steil, to nominate Alexis Kaczynski for 2nd vice-president. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Steil, second by Koopmans, to nominate Bob Sheehan for treasurer. Ayes, 9; nays 2; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Taube, second by VandenBerg, to nominate Steffan Taub for secretary. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.

The nomination form will be completed and submitted to MACMHB by Ms. Shutts.

Ms. Anderson reported that the CMH PAC has issued a challenge to all CMH board members to donate one per diem or whatever they wished. This will aid in MACMHB executive representation at fund raisers and other lobbying events. Mr. Snyder stated that he would match whatever board members donated.

Public comment

None.

Board member remarks

Winter conference reports will be given next month. Ms. Kellerman and Ms Taube will not be able to attend the April 16 meeting of the Board of Directors.

It was noted that the affiliation retreat is scheduled for the same day as the September board meeting. **Motion by Anderson, second by Kellerman, to change the September 10, 2009, board meeting to September 3. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, second by VandenBerg, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Ayes, all; Brewster absent. Motion carried.