

Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards

PROVIDER ALLIANCE

April 27, 2009 9:00 A.M.
Weber's Restaurant & Hotel
Ann Arbor, Mi

MINUTES

Attendance: Kathy Swantek (BWDH), Barbara Fowkes (Spectrum Community), Ken Ratzlaff (Beacon Specialized Living Svc), Dan Alonzi (Turning Leaf Residential Rehab Svc), Sami AlJallad (Turning Leaf), Tory Hudson (Turning Leaf), Mike Vizona (MACMHB), Terrance Lee Newton (Harbor Hall, Inc.), Bret Finzel (Sunrise Centre, Inc), Bob McLuckie (ASI), Amy Zaagman (MACMHB), Chuck Ingoglia (National Council), Grady Wilkinson (Sacred Heart), Michael Reagan (Proactive Behavioral Health), Larry Grinwis (Hope Network), Michael Liepman (MSU/KCMS), Jacqueline Kiss Wilson (T.T.I.), Mark Weeks (FWDGC), Fi Spalvieri (Community Living Options)

I. **Introduction:** Bob McLuckie called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Those present introduced themselves.

II. **Update from National Council on Community Behavioral Healthcare**

Chuck Ingoglia (V.P. of Public Policy): discussed national behavioral health care issues including health care payment reform, health care homes for people with MI, universal coverage and delivery system redesign

Alexa Eggleston (Director of Public Policy): discussed additional treatment issues, criminal justice in particular, drug costs, block grants for substance use service, housing; provided a brief overview of National Hill Day in D.C. on June 9th and 10th 2009.

Amy Zaagman: reported there are approximately 25 signed up to attend Hill Day – the association would like to have a group of at least 40 attending – Please consider participating.

III. **State Legislative & Budget Update:** Amy distributed information on budget and legislative issues

- Current year budget: expect an executive order with cuts this week
- Consider participating in mental health and substance use budget hearing on Thursday May 7th in Lansing

IV. Election of Officer Slate: the ballot was distributed

Delegate members not renewing their term are: Ron Ostroff, Bob McLuckie, Kathy Swantek, and Ken Ratzlaff

V. MACMHB Standing Committee Reports:

- C.F.I. Committee: is promoting the uniform contract, as the CMH agencies hold A.R.R. participation meetings – remember to support the uniform contract and it's implementation in all counties.
- Member Service Committee: support the Walk a Mile rally on May 12, 2009

VI. Other Business:

- The new and revised Provider Alliance brochure was distributed.
- HR911: creates new regulatory agency for child licensed facilities for children.
- AFC Licensing: Some members report difficult interactions with DHS/AFC Licensing related to placement of persons from institutions, etc, with very difficult behavioral challenges. In some cases there have been threats of provisional licensure. A brief email survey will be conducted to determine scope of this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Next meeting: General Membership Meeting
 Tuesday May 19, 2009
 MACMHB Spring Conference
 Kalamazoo. MI

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Swantek, Secretary