

Provider Alliance Meeting Minutes

MACMHB Office, Lansing

January 26, 2009

10:00am to 12:00pm

Present: Sami Al Jallad (Turning Leaf), Mike Caza (PCC), Bret Finzel (Sunrise Center), Chris Flores (Insight), Barbara Fowkes (Spectrum), Dennis Jacobs (New Passages), Robert McLuckie (ASI), Tammy Monteleone (Hope Network), Terrance Lee Newton (Harbor Hall), David Pankotai (Consumerlink), Ken Ratzlaff (Beacon), Michael Reagan (Proaction), Kathy Swantek (BWDH), Mark Weeks (FWOGC), Grady Wilkinson (Sacred Heart), Kathy Young (New Passages)

MACMHB Staff Present: Amy Zaagman, Georjean Knapp

Guest: Michael Vizena, Incoming MACMHB Executive Director

Item	Discussion	Outcomes
Call to Order		Robert McLuckie call the meeting to order at 10:00am.
Review of Agenda		Agenda was accepted as presented.
Review of Minutes		Minutes were accepted as presented.
Discussion with Michael Vizena, Incoming Director at MACMHB	<p>Alliance Chair Robert McLuckie welcomed Michael Vizena as MACMHB's incoming Executive Director.</p> <p>Mr. Vizena spoke to the group about his interest in working together to enhance services to the people we serve at both</p>	

	<p>the state and federal levels. He indicated that it is critically important that MACMHB remain strong in the current economic climate, and that he looks forward to a productive partnership with the Provider Alliance. Mr. Vizona stressed the importance of the Provider membership in contributing to dialogue within the Association, and especially in its role as the key link with persons served and their families.</p> <p>Mr. McLuckie indicated that there are three issues he would like to see on Mr. Vizona's agenda: completion of training reciprocity, the uniform contract and work force concerns.</p> <p>Mr. Vizona was asked for his personal opinion on PA voting rights within the Association. He indicated he will get the trade association perspective, and he needs to know why this is a concern for the members of the Association. He recommended that the Alliance put to paper exactly what its next steps will be.</p>	
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	<p>Other issues the Alliance would like to continue discussing with Mr. Vizena include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifiable inefficiencies in the system • The diminishing role of the CAs • Default mode appears to be that we do not want to do anything different than we always have • Too much energy is spent on why we cannot do something rather than how to do something <p>Ms. Zaagman reported on the survey that the Uniform Contract Workgroup distributed asking CMHSP directors if they use the uniform contract now and if they plan to use it in the future. The results of the survey were distributed at the January meeting of the Contract & Financial Issues Committee, and committee members voice their frustration that only seven boards are currently using the contract. Reasons cited included the contract is not compatible with the integration of CMH and SA and many are using Dave Short's contracts.</p> <p>The Alliance strategy is to recognize that the department and the legislature have a strong interest in seeing the uniform</p>	<p>A strategy on the Uniform Contract will be developed.</p>
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	<p>contract implemented. Ms. Zaagman indicated that it will be in the ARR. She recommended that this issue be part of the Policy/Advocacy Committee's charge, but to wait to take action until the Uniform Contract Workgroup meets again and the ARR is issued.</p> <p>Mike Reagan would like to see the workgroup get involved in the corrections changes at the state level. The state has not identified any savings going back to the providers to increase and improve services. Part of the change includes a more rational policy around sentencing and parole. More dialogue is needed.</p>	
<p>Brief Legislative Update</p>	<p>Ms. Zaagman updated the alliance on the current status of state parity; indicating that Partners for Parity has refined its talking points and is in the process of meeting with all State House members to find out where they stand on parity.</p> <p>The Governor will give her State of the State on February 3, and the Executive Budget will be released on February 12. The Governor may propose as much as \$1.4 mil in cuts.</p>	

	<p>At the federal level, the SCHIP and stimulus package are on fast tracks. ABW will be phased out over a one-year period. There is no impetus in the legislature to use this money on adults. Folks currently on ABW should receive alternative funding.</p> <p>With MIChild we will be aggressively involved in better outreach, better enrollment and rates on both the MH and SA sides.</p> <p>In the stimulus package there will be a \$100mil block grant increase on both the MH and SA sides. Senator Stabenow is our sponsor on both grants.</p> <p>The Maintenance of Effort provision on all three items is critical.</p> <p>There was discussion on the limited number of psychiatrists, especially child psychiatrists, in the system and the role of limited licensed psychologist. There is a shortage of students that is reaching crisis proportions. There was discussion on the need for incentives.</p> <p>This may be a good opportunity to work with board Association staff for solutions. Wayne State University is offering a nurse</p>	
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	<p>psychiatric practitioner program. There was discussion on ways of offering tuition and tax credit incentives. A graduate receiving these incentives will be required to stay for a certain amount of time.</p> <p>How do you align the department with the issue of work force development?</p>	
Review Provider Alliance print piece	Ms. Zaagman distributed a draft of the new Provider Alliance print piece. She asked for comments to be sent to her by February 13. The display boards will be developed from the final brochure.	
Status of getting provider lists from CMH/PIHPs		
Survey regarding alliance member affiliations		
Focused committee work to get up-to-speed on specific objectives related to strategic goals	<p>Committee on Strengthening the Alliance: Asking for membership and voting privileges in the Association.</p> <p>This will require a changed in the Association By-laws.</p>	<p>Motion: Carried Newton/Finzel TO ASK FOR MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING PRIVILEGES ON MACMHB'S EXECUTIVE BOARD SIMILAR TO A REGION – 3 VOTING MEMBERS.</p> <p>Motion: Carried Caza/Wilkinson TO ASK FOR VOTING PRIVILEGES ON EACH OF MACMHB'S STANDING COMMITTEES.</p>

		<p>Motion: Carried Weeks/Finzel TO ASK FOR THE PROVIDER ALLIANCE TO BE TREATED AS A SINGLE ENTITY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION.</p> <p>Ms. Zaagman will put this together as a proposal for the Steering Committee. Mike Vizena, MACMHB will work closely with her.</p>
Next Meeting		The next meeting of the Provider Alliance is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, Lansing Center, during MACMHB's Winter Conference.
Adjournment		The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Georjean Knapp