



**THE STANDARDS GROUP**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 29, 2009**

**TSG Exec Committee Members present:** Joanne Sheldon (Lifeways), Alexis Kaczynski (North Country), Phil Royster (Recovery Council), Judy Webb (MDCH), Norm DeLisle (MDRC), Erv Brinker (Summit Pointe), Mike Head (MDCH), Irene Kazieczko (MDCH), Laura Vredevelde (staff)

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
Approval of Agenda		Agenda Approved as written
Approval of Minutes – March 2009		Minutes of March 13, 2009 Exec Committee approved as written
Public Comment	There was no public comment	
Update on Access Trainings	Laura provided update on upcoming Access Trainings. There are 3 large trainings scheduled for Access Staff and Supervisors–Lansing, Gaylord and Detroit and one abbreviated training scheduled for MACMHB conference. Morning focus will be MDCH staff presenting standards, site review protocols, and state perspective. Afternoon will focus on consumer perspectives, clinical perspectives, and overview of the Technical Resource Manual. Plan is to train over 300 individuals.	Support from Exec Committee for the trainings as currently planned for May and June 2009.
Memo from Mike Vizena re: Room Charges	Discussion re: potential MACMHB charges for meeting rental to assist in covering costs of Board Assoc related to TSG. No projected costs were available at this meeting. The consensus from Exec Committee members was that the interest income MACMHB is earning on the TSG account should be adequate to cover TSG expenses, including all workgroup meetings. Unless MACMHB could demonstrate that TSG expenses are exceeding current interest income on this account, the TSG Exec Committee will continue to resist being charged in this manner.	Laura will communicate this discussion to Mike Vizena. Laura will provide updates to Exec Committee as needed if MACMHB wishes to continue to pursue this or provide additional financial data to support the need.

<p>Meeting with Washtenaw</p>	<p>Laura and Joanne provided an update on the conversation with Washtenaw PIHP leadership. This was a productive conversation which raised many issues related to the values of transformational leadership vs. standard setting. There has been a difference of opinion about the primary purpose of TSG, the original vision, and what it has developed into. There is clearly a desire on Washtenaw's part for TSG to be more nimble, less bogged down in process and setting minimum standards and instead be able to respond to rapidly changing needs and be strategic/forward thinking in its leadership.</p> <p>Consensus of TSG Exec Committee is that overall TSG is doing what it was designed to do. We do need to ensure that we are not simply setting minimum standards but pushing the system forward in quality improvement efforts. We also need to continue to keep our focus on future and how standards that are developed need to be relevant long-term. Example of Waiting List group as being very relevant to current needs of the state mental health system.</p> <p>Joanne raised suggestion from Washtenaw that we host a leadership summit that would be professionally facilitated, with the focus on strategic planning and leadership during times of unprecedented uncertainty. There was support for this concept but not necessarily as a TSG-sponsored event. Discussion of the role of the Board Association vs. TSG in this area.</p>	<p>Joanne and Laura will follow up with Jane Terwilliger related to this conversation and will continue to seek Washtenaw's support and commitment to ongoing TSG efforts.</p>
<p>Plan for Active Engagement Project – Discussion from DD PIT</p>	<p>Laura provided update on the Active Engagement Project on the work plan. The DD PIT group did not support the idea of focus groups of consumers and advocates, believing this would replicate some of the work the PIT group had already undertaken. They are in agreement that there is work to be done related to defining the issues, expectations, and measurement in this area.</p>	<p>Laura and Judy will continue to work with the DD PIT group and advocates around developing a clear work plan in this area. Focus is on individuals with developmental disabilities and how to define and measure engagement in community, meaningful lives, etc.</p>