

Approved Minutes  
Community Mental Health of Ottawa County Board of Directors  
March 23, 2009

**PRESENT:** Ed Berghorst, Rita Bird, Michelle Bucek, Mary Ann Cartwright, Don Disselkoen, Rebecca Gretzner, Penny Hesse, Richard Kanten, Joyce Kortman, Rosa Nino Barb Vanderveen, Keith Van Zoeren

**STAFF:** Patricia Genesky, Joan Brown, Greg Hofman, Jane Longstreet, Albert Doorn, Patrick O'Rourke

**GUESTS:** June Hagan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Keith Van Zoeren, Board Chair, called the March 23, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mr. Van Zoeren provided the invocation. Mr. Van Zoeren reported that Dr. Brashears would be unavailable for this meeting due to illness.

CMHOC MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mr. Van Zoeren noted the mission and vision statements

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT ITEMS –

CMH 09-006 Motion: To approve by consent the following items:

- Agenda for the March 23, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting with additions
- Minutes from the February 23, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting
- March Service Contracts as presented
- February 2009 Financial Statements as presented
- FY09 Budget Adjustment #3 as presented

Moved by: Berghorst

Supported by: Disselkoen

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Vanderveen requested that nominations for the MACMHB Executive Board be added to the agenda. Ms. Bird requested that a discussion regarding the April 20 meeting with the Attorney General be added to the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Van Zoeren reminded members that the Board work session is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. He noted the start time has changed to 9:00 a.m.

He reported that nominations for officers to the Executive Board of the MACMHB are due March 27. He requested a motion that Dr. Brashears be nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

CMH 09-007 Motion: To Nominate Dr. Michael Brashears as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President to the MACMHB Executive Board.

Moved by: Cartwright

Support: Disselkoen

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Vanderveen has requested that she be nominated to the Executive Board either as a member at large or as an alternate. Ms. Gretrzner requested that she be nominated as a member of the Children's Issues Committee.

Motion: To nominate Barbara Vanderveen to the MACMHB Executive Board where appropriate

Moved by: Kortman Support: Disselkoen

Motion: To nominate Rebecca Gretzner as a member of the Children's Issue Committee

Moved by: Berghorst Second: Cartwright

After further discussion it was determined that nominations from this Board were not required for these committees at this time. At Ms. Vanderveen's request, Ms. Kortman withdrew her nomination.

Ms. Bird discussed her recent interactions with the State Attorney General. She has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Cox for April 20 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss concerns related to the ARR. The issues to be discussed include funding equity, the provision in the Headlee Amendment pertaining to unfunded mandates, continuum of care, and the closing of the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center. She requested that the Board support her position on these issues.

CMH 09-008 Motion: That the CMHOC Board of Directors support the issues as outlined by Ms. Bird

Moved by: Disselkoen Supported by: Vanderveen

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Van Zoeren, Mr. Kanten, and Ms. Bucek will join Ms. Bird for the meeting with Mr. Cox on April 20. Due to this meeting, the Finance Committee and Executive Committee Meetings scheduled for April 20 will be held on Monday, April 13. Executive Committee will meet at 1:00 and Finance Committee will meet at 2:00.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **Program Planning and Quality Improvement – Rita Bird**

Ms. Bird reported on the activities of the PPQI Committee. Contracts were reviewed and forwarded to the Board for approval. There was one contract that was not presented at PPQI that was presented at Finance and is included in the Board packet. CMHOC staff members are in the process of developing a comprehensive policy for CLS services. There was no update on rescheduling the transportation committee meeting. Updated information on the General Fund Deficit was presented by the Executive Director. The Headlee amendment and the CMH rule change moratorium were also discussed.

##### **Finance Committee – Mary Ann Cartwright.**

Ms. Cartwright reported that contracts were approved. One contract reflected a twelve percent increase that is unavoidable due to the need for the services provided. Staff will continue to look for alternatives to this contract. The budget deficit and the issue of parity were also discussed

## OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **General Fund Budget Deficit Reduction Strategy – Dr. Michael Brashears**

No report due to Dr. Brashears' unexpected absence. The Community Forum that was planned for March 30 will not be held and will be rescheduled for a later date.

### **Closed Session**

Due to Dr. Brashears unexpected absence, there was no closed session.

## GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ms. Vanderveen reported on her attendance at the MACMHB Executive Board meeting. She noted that the Board Member Involvement Committee has created a sub-committee that would like to enlist a liaison from each CMH Board who will be responsible to share information from the Association with their own Board. Mr. Van Zoeren will appoint a Board member to this position. Hill Day is scheduled for June 10 and Ms. Vanderveen volunteered to attend. Mr. Van Zoeren appointed Ms. Vanderveen as the Board representative for this event.

Ms. Bird discussed her intention to attend a forum being held by DCH on March 25. This forum will cover the role of consumers and families in the new DCH concept. The State DD Council is hosting several forums across the State. Ms. Bird recommended that a Board member be appointed to this Council. Ms. Bird discussed pending legislation in other states on the subject of closing state facilities. The Board Association has made a call for presentation for the Spring Conference, and Ms. Bird suggested a presentation providing information regarding CMHOC Day Programs. Ms. Kortman suggested that Harbor House might also be a candidate for a presentation as well as the Holland Deacon's Conference and KANDU Industries.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Keirnan

Ms. Keirnan discussed the DD Council and her affiliation with this group. Ms. Bucek expressed her interest in learning more about the DD Council.

Ivy Beth Poll

Spring Lake

Ms. Poll thanked the Board for their assistance in helping her son achieve placement at Harbor House.

Kelly Sall

CMHOC

Ms. Sall provided information and invitations to Board members to participate in the Walk A Mile In My Shoes rally being held in Lansing in May. She also provided information on the CLEAR Library at CMHOC.

## ADJOURNMENT

CMH 09-009 Motion: To adjourn the March 23, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors Meeting

Moved by: Disselkoen

Supported by: Cartwright

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Van Zoeren adjourned the March 23, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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Keith Van Zoeren, Board Chair

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Donald Disselkoen, Secretary