

Proposed Minutes
Community Mental Health of Ottawa County Board of Directors
December 21, 2009

Present: Ed Berghorst, Rita Bird, Mary Ann Cartwright, Yvette Chiquito, Rebecca Gretzner, Penny Hesse, Richard Kanten, Joyce Kortman, Keith Van Zoeren

Absent: Don Disselkoen and Michelle Cassens

Staff: Dr. Michael Brashears, Lynne Doyle, Joan Brown, Greg Hofman, Kathy Coffey, Kelly Sall, Albert Doorn and Jennifer King

Guests: June Hagan

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Keith Van Zoeren, Board Chair called the December 21, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Van Zoeren introduced Yvette Chiquito, newest Board Member.

INVOCATION

Mr. Van Zoeren provided the invocation

CMHOC MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mr. Van Zoeren noted the mission and vision statements.

PRESENTATION

Benjamin's Hope – Krista Mason

Ms. Mason showed a DVD and presentation on Benjamin's Hope. Benjamin's Hope is planned to be a farm community where people with autism and other disabilities gather to find Hope and experience Christ-centered fellowship, treatment, housing and meaningful work. There are 1 in 110 children born today with a diagnosis of autism. Once a person turns 26 years of age, there are not many opportunities for them in the community. Benjamin's Hope will include options for homeownership and community involvement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

CONSENT ITEMS –

CMH 09-0 Motion: To approve by consent the following items:

Agenda for the December 21, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes from the November 23, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting

Moved by: Cartwright

Support: Bird

MOTION CARRIED

SERVICE CONTRACTS

CMH 09-0 Motion: To approve the December 2009 service contracts as presented

Moved by: Bird

Support: Cartwright

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CMH 09-0 Motion: To approve the November 2009 Financial Statements as presented:
Moved by: Kanten Support: Cartwright
MOTION CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CMH 09-0 Motion: To approve 2010 CMHOC Board and Committee Meeting Schedule
Moved by: Cartwright Support: Kanten
MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Brashears reported on the annual Director's Forum he attended last week in Lansing, with Deputy Director Lynne Doyle. There are grave concerns at the State level, from Michael Head, regarding cuts to General Fund and Medicaid for fiscal year 2011. A discussion at the State level, is reporting there may be an Executive Order from the Governor for potential cuts in the current budget beginning in late January 2010/February 2010 for the shortfalls of this fiscal year and to help start planning for 2011 budget. Dr. Brashears reminded the Board and audience, any cuts to the General Fund will be catastrophic to CMHOC, as it would double the current waiting list for un-benefited consumers and also effect the inpatient hospitalizations, which we are required to serve. There was no desire of the State to merge local CMH's, which was a good thing to hear.

Dr. Brashears attended the PIHP/DCH meeting the next day. At this meeting the State and the PIHPs discussed cuts to Medicaid and closing 'legacy programs', which include; Group Homes over six beds, Day Programs, Sheltered Workshops, Case Management and reliance on a medical model only for MH therapy, Medication reviews and group home slots. Dr. Brashears stated he will begin to have community dialogues informing the citizens of Ottawa County and stakeholders the philosophy of the State and requesting they address their responses to the State.

CMHOC is currently in discussion with the County and the PIHP Muskegon regarding pulling out of the Lakeshore Coordinating Council. The idea is to have one 'entry' door, one access point for all Substance Abuse services.

CMHOC'S Assertive Community Treatment Program (ACT) has moved to a new location to be more outreach focused. The ACT site is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 from 4pm – 6pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Program Planning & Quality Improvement Committee – Rita Bird

Ms. Bird provided an update on the activities of the Committee. Contracts were reviewed and

topics of discussion included the services of children with Severe Emotional Disturbance, Transportation Committee, Consumer Advisory Committee and the Community Living Supports Manual presentation by Betty O'Rourke, Program Supervisor of DD Services.

Ms. Bird discussed the development of a Board Handbook as a reference tool for all Board members and to be used as part of the orientation process for new Board members. The first step is to decide what needs to be included.

Ms. Bird distributed a handout of roles and responsibilities of Board members and reviewed the list. Ms. Bird stated she is sharing what the PPQI Committee discusses during their meetings and is looking for input from the Board on planning for the upcoming year.

Finance Committee – Mary Ann Cartwright

No report as there was no Finance Committee meeting in December.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Van Zoeren reported the annual Holiday Gift Donation from the CMHOC Board members this year will be donated to the Clubhouse.

GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

Ms. Hesse reported on a local Depression and Bipolar Group which is now meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. The first couple of meetings there have been 15 participants attending.

Ms. Gretzner attended a conference in Lansing on Children's Issues. There was a Power Point presentation of residential treatment programs and barriers from parents on what they are doing verses what they say they are doing. There was discussion regarding keeping children in foster care longer than nine (9) months and also upping the age to 20 instead of the current age of 18. The conference also discussed the difference in sites on home base services, recidivism, intakes with CAFAS and without CAFAS. Staff is requesting clear guidelines on the best practice home base model to bring them all in line.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Krista Mason, Benjamin's Hope

Commented on Dr. Brashears upcoming community dialogues and agreed with Dr. Brashears on the family knowing what is best for them and their community needs. She stated the community needs to understand the crossroads of cutting of dollars from the State and what role the family has in this process. We need to work to try and keep what we do have and what works best for families.

Sandy Kiernan
Disability Network

Reported she will no longer be with Disability Network but she was a part of the discussion for the ARR and was one of the stakeholders at the meetings. Ms. Kiernan stated this is hypocritical from the State of Self Determination and Person Centered Planning concepts. If the programs are not available you cannot have true Self Determination or Person Centered Planning.

Peggy Faulkner
Resource Center

Ms. Faulkner commented on families wanting choice for services. The Compassionate Heart Ministries at City on the Hill works with autistic children and their families. Their Ministry is looking at options for young adults and thought they should share their concerns with the State in regards to their direction.

Sandy Kiernan
Parent

Ms. Kiernan stated she has been appointed to the Ottawa Area Housing Commission, as a citizen of Ottawa County, and will be a strong advocate for persons with disabilities. The commission is becoming more active and is working on being approved by HUD and will draw down HUD funds.

Jim Lanky
Beechwood Church

Mr. Lanky, on behalf of Beechwood Church, expressed a heart felt thank you to the Board members for what they do. The Board is not always recognized and wanted to let them know citizens appreciate their efforts.

Ms. Bird encouraged families and consumers to be involved and expressed the State's attitude is not in line with choices for parents and children of Ottawa County. Our voices need to be heard in Ottawa and the Board can be helpful to the families and community.

ADJOURNMENT

CMH 09-0 Motion: To adjourn the December 21, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Cartwright Support: Bird
MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Van Zoeren adjourned the December 21, 2009 CMHOC Board of Directors meeting at 4:19p.m.

Keith Van Zoeren, Board Chair

Donald Disselkoen, Secretary