

Minutes  
Newaygo County Mental Health  
Board of Directors

**December 11, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting, held at Newaygo County Mental Health, 1049 Newell, White Cloud, Michigan, was opened with prayer at 10:00 a.m. by Helen Taube in the Board Conference Room.

**Roll Call**

**Members present:**

Mary Anderson	Ann Brewster	Gerard Deschaine
Mike Hamm	Adele Hansen	Cathy Kellerman
Todd Koopmans	Stan Nieboer	Al Steil
Helen Taube	Josephine Toliver	JoAnn Vandenberg

**Staff members present:**

Greg Snyder, Executive Director	Carol Mills, Director of Operations
Cindy Ingersoll, Director of Admin Services	Jean Shutts, Executive Assistant, Recorder
Mike Geoghan, Director of Clinical Services	

**Guest present:** Ann Deschaine

Ms. Hansen requested that *revisions to 2009 meeting dates* be added to the agenda following the Promotion and Education Committee report.

**Motion by Deschaine, second by Toliver, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Hamm, second by Vandenberg, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Finance Committee – Mike Hamm**

The cash statement was reviewed, and there was a question about investing at banking institutions which may offer higher rates. It was explained that we are taking a conservative approach due to the low ratings of some of the banks. A review of several banks is done and an average is taken to determine where to invest.

The check register was reviewed and questions addressed by Ms. Mills. She reported that the auditors are currently on site.

**Personnel Committee – Adele Hansen**

No report.

**Policy Committee – Albert Steil**

No report.

**Consumer Advisory Committee – Josephine Toliver**

Ms. Toliver reported on the meeting of November 20, 2008. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 18.

**Recipient Rights Committee – Gerard Deschaine**

No report.

**Promotion & Education Committee – JoAnn Vandenberg**

Ms. Vandenberg reported that the committee met last month to begin preparations for the annual report. Information is being collected from staff, and a meeting date will be set at the January board meeting.

Ms. Anderson presented proposed changes for some of the meetings for 2009 due to scheduling conflicts of Mr. Snyder and various state and national conferences as follows:

<b>Change from:</b>	<b>To:</b>
February 12	<b>Tuesday, February 10</b>
April 9	<b>Thursday, April 16</b>
June 11	<b>Thursday, June 4</b>
October 8	<b>Thursday, October 1</b>

All other monthly meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, as previously scheduled.

In addition, the **Recipient Rights Committee** meeting scheduled for February 10 would be **changed to Thursday, February 12.**

**Motion by Steil, second by Kellerman, to approve the revised schedule of monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.** A schedule of meetings for 2009 will be sent to each board member.

**Director's report – Greg Snyder**

Mr. Snyder reviewed his written report of December 4 regarding activity within the agency and affiliation during the past month. In addition, he reported the Governor estimates that with about \$150 million in cuts, none will be taken from K-12 or CMH. The Michigan poverty level is at 49 out of 50.

Last week the jail diversion bill, HB6305, proposing on how jail diversion is handled in each county, was defeated. The intergovernmental transfer has been changed to a 6% levy on all

Medicaid providers. Mr. Snyder stated he is not clear on how this would affect the PIHPs. While the issue is being discussed, it is thought that it likely will not be approved. DCH is developing new requirements for quality of care within the next year. Most require expensive outside training of staff, during which time productivity drops. No uniform plan for implementation or priority has yet been established.

Mr. Snyder stated that it was announced at a recent statewide meeting that work on the ARR has been temporarily halted. Revision of the general format is underway and will be released December 31, with the final product due in March. Ms. Mills added that additional information that will be requested includes data that, currently, we have no way of collecting.

Risk management efforts are underway to develop a way to monitor financial high risk areas within the three CMHAMM affiliates who have overspent. Ms. Mills reported that finance directors from each of the affiliates will meet next week to begin to development of a plan.

Ms. Hansen recessed the meeting for lunch and to join the staff holiday party from 11:55 a.m. until 1:35 p.m.

#### **MACMHB/National Council update**

Ms. Anderson reported on activities during the past month including her attendance at the MACMHB Executive Committee meeting last week where Mike Vizna was hired to replace Dave LaLumia as executive director. They are also looking to hire a new accountant after having several come and go within the last year for various reasons. She also reported that the National Council has a new leadership award and she will judge the entries. It was also noted that we applied to the National Council for a technology grant which has a \$10,000 award.

#### **Public comment**

None.

#### **Board member remarks**

Ms. Hansen received general comments from board members.

#### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Taube, second by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.**

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Adele Hansen, Chairperson

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JoAnn VandenBerg, Secretary

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