

Minutes
**Newaygo County Mental Health
Board of Directors**

January 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting, held at Newaygo County Mental Health, 1049 Newell, White Cloud, Michigan, was opened with prayer at 10:23 a.m. by Josephine Toliver in the Board Conference Room.

Roll Call

Members present:

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| Mary Anderson (via phone) | Ann Brewster | Gerard Deschaine |
| Mike Hamm | Adele Hansen | Cathy Kellerman |
| Todd Koopmans | Stan Nieboer | Helen Taube |
| Josephine Toliver | JoAnn VandenBerg | |

Member excused: Al Steil

Staff members present:

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| 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

Motion by Nieboer, second by Taube, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes, all; Steil absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Toliver, second by VandenBerg, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2008, as presented. Ayes, all; Steil absent. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – Mike Hamm

The check register was reviewed and questions addressed by Ms. Mills. In addition, she reported that the *preliminary* cost settlement report is complete. The CEI payback is about \$700,000, and we have a carry-forward General Fund amount of approximately \$28,000. The audit report will be presented either at the February or March board meeting. The committee also needs to meet the end of February and will determine a date at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Personnel Committee – Adele Hansen

No report.

Policy Committee – Albert Steil

No report.

Consumer Advisory Committee – Josephine Toliver

Mr. Koopmans reported on the meeting of December 18, 2008. He noted that revisions to the by-laws are scheduled to be presented for approval at the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009.

Recipient Rights Committee – Gerard Deschaine

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Promotion & Education Committee – JoAnn Vandenberg

The committee will meet on January 15, 2008, 10:00 a.m., to review the draft of the 2008 annual report.

Director's report – Greg Snyder

Mr. Snyder reviewed his written report of January 6, 2009, which contained information of activities of the last month. In addition, Mr. Snyder referred to a handout received recently from Bob Sheehan regarding inequity in the General Fund by county. We are 3rd from the bottom at \$112.84. Rates range from \$100 per person to \$580 per person. The state average is \$285.

Mr. Snyder also referred to the minutes of the Children's Issues Committee from November 18 which were contained in the addendum to the agenda. He noted that there are many committees or groups across the state that deal with children's issues. They are trying to identify these groups in an effort to coordinate efforts.

Mr. Snyder also noted that administrative staff will meet soon to discuss plans for implementing some restructuring which is necessitated by the economy and waning healthcare reform in the state and, particularly national levels. The only healthcare issue in the proposed economic stimulus package appears to be with healthcare records.

Some representatives from CEI will be here next week to view our IT system with regard to electronic records and virtual servers, cell phones and laptops for remote connection to the agency, Intranet QI and productivity reports, and many internal and external resources the agency has.

We were notified we have been awarded homeless funding vouchers through HUD for SPMI consumers. The program will operate indefinitely and provides up to \$537 per month. There are very strict requirements, and if the consumer has a job, 30% of their income must be contributed towards housing.

Mr. Snyder also reported he attended the county Finance Committee and thanked the board for the supported employment cleaning contract at the Health Department and the parking lot light enhancements recently installed. He also met two new members of the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Hansen recessed the meeting from 11:55 a.m. through 12:45 p.m. for lunch.

MACMHB/National Council update

Ms. Anderson, reporting by phone, reported that the National Council is waiting on new government administration before delving into issues at this time.

Public comment

None.

Board member remarks

Ms. Hansen received general comments from board members.

Adjournment

Motion by VandenBerg, second by Hamm, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes, all; motion carried.

Adele Hansen, Chairperson

JoAnn VandenBerg, Secretary