

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 17, 2003

PRESENT: Harris Schipper, James Mc Dowall, Lucile Van Koevering, Cornelius Vander Kam, Steve Waters

EXCUSED: Fred Vander Laan

STAFF: Gerry Cyranowski, Pam Pekelder, Gloria Pelon

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson

Lucile Van Koevering, Chairperson called the February 17, 2003 meeting to order at 2:00pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 20, 2003

Motion: To approve the Minutes of January 20, 2003.

Moved by: Schipper

Supported by: Waters

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA of February 17, 2003

Motion: To approve the Agenda for February 17, 2003.

Moved by: Mc Dowall

Supported by: Vander Kam

MOTION CARRIED

SERVICE CONTRACTS

The committee reviewed and Ms. Pekelder answered questions regarding the following Service Contracts:

Bruce Walters, M.D. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Carlos Marcano, M.D. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Dhanashree Mahesh, M.D. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Katherine Jawor, D.O. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Fredrica Schiele/Schiele CTH (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2005)

Alliance Medical Services, Inc. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Wise Personnel Services, Inc. (Renewal: 04/01/2003 - 03/31/2004)

Mount Pleasant Regional Center (Renewal: 10/01/2002 - 09/30/2003)

Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital (Renewal: 10/01/2002 - 09/30/2003)

Wedgwood Christian Youth and Family Serv. (Renewal: 10/01/2002 - 09/30/2003)

Larry and Jan Dean/Dean CTH (Amendment: 02/01/2003 - 09/30/2003)

Heritage Homes, Inc./In-Home Respite Serv. (Extension: 02/28/2003 - 05/31/2003)

Following discussion it was recommended that the Service Contracts be presented to the Board for approval.

Motion: To present the Service Contracts to the Board for approval.

Moved by: Schipper

Supported by: Mc Dowall

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Pam Pekelder reviewed and answered questions regarding FY 2002/2003 January Financial Statement. Following discussion it was recommended that the Financial Statement be presented to the Board for information.

Motion: To present FY 2002/2003 January Financial Statement to the Board for information.

Moved by: Vander Kam

Supported by: Mc Dowall

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Item #1: Disenrollment of Individuals on Medicaid

Mr. Cyranowski stated that due to a statewide reduction of Medicaid funding, effective February 28, 2003, MDCH is terminating Medicaid coverage for persons who are relatives or caretakers of individuals on Medicaid. The impact for CMH is approximately \$60,000 of Medicaid dollars.

Discussion Item #2: Respite Home Funding

Mr. Cyranowski stated that currently Ottawa, Muskegon, Kent and West Michigan CMHs fund two respite homes for severely behaviorally disabled children (primarily autistic children), operated by Heritage Homes. MDCH, through Kent CMH, has stopped funding approximately \$160,000 of the annual budget.

Mr. Cyranowski stated that meetings with the multi-board group has occurred with the focus on reducing operating costs of the homes. Currently they are exploring ways to solve this problem. One option is to request from MDCH that Ottawa CMH be allowed to use carry forward dollars to purchase the homes. However, Mr. Cyranowski questions whether Ottawa should take sole responsibility and purchase the homes.

Committee members requested that Mr. Cyranowski provide the CMH Board with a written summary of the problem, options for resolution and funding possibilities. Mr. Cyranowski will have this prepared for the February 27, 2003 CMH Board Meeting.

Discussion Item #3: In-Home Respite Services (Heritage Homes)

Mr. Cyranowski stated that CMH is currently in negotiations with Heritage Homes for In-Home Respite Services. Contract negotiations involve previous rate and a new rate request of approximately 25.9%. It was noted that CMH is willing to pay up to the current Medicaid Screen Rate, which would afford approximately a 13% increase.

Ms. Pekelder stated that an option available, should there not be a resolution, is Self-Determination. She stated that seven consumers have done this successfully. Mr. Cyranowski stated another option would be to process an RFP (Request for Proposal) for new providers.

Mr. Vander Kam stated that CMH should proceed as economically as possible without jeopardizing care of the consumer.

Mr. Cyranowski will keep the Committee and CMH Board updated as negotiations continue.

Adjournment - Ms. Van Koevering adjourned the February 17, 2003 meeting at 2:50pm.