

Approved Minutes
Community Mental Health of Ottawa – Board of Directors Meeting
CMH Board Room
122265 James Street, Holland, Michigan 49424
February 20, 2006

PRESENT: Edward Berghorst, Rita Bird, Mark Bombara, Rebecca Gretzner, Kristine Nale, Harris Schipper, Lucile Van Koevering, Cornelius Vander Kam

ABSENT: Joyce Kortman

EXCUSED: Fred Vander Laan, Kellye Slaggert, Celia Martinez de Serrano

STAFF: Gerry Cyranowski, Sue Buist, Betty O'Rourke, Dana Gezon, Patricia Genesky

OTHERS: Greg Rappleye

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chairperson

Edward Berghorst, Secretary called the February 20, 2006 meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Berghorst reminded the Board members of their responsibility to attend monthly Board of Directors meetings. He noted that when applying for their position on the Board, members agreed to attend a certain percentage of meetings. He also noted the difference between an excused absence and an absence, stating that an absence is excused only when the agency has been informed prior to the meeting.

CMHOC MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Berghorst noted the Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marsha DeWilde

10491 96th Avenue

Zeeland, Michigan

Submitted and read a letter to the Board regarding the direction of Community Mental Health.

Parent of consumer (Unnamed)

Is seeking assisted living services for her 25-year-old son. Commented on the unavailability of services for her son due to his not meeting eligibility criteria for CMH services.

Michele Van Klompenberg
7334 Adams Street
Zeeland, Michigan

Thanked the board for their help in getting placement for her child into Harbor House. Stated that her daughter is one of the higher-functioning consumers receiving services at Harbor House. Offered the suggestion that placing additional higher-functioning individuals with physical disabilities might be considered.

Nora DeHaan (with Jan Vandenberg)
7812 Durain
Jenison, Michigan

Expressed concerns that they have been waiting “a long time” for placement at Harbor House for their child. Cited a lack of support in the home as the basis for need and asked for the Board’s help in achieving placement.

Sandy Kiernan
Lakeshore Center for Independent Living
426 Century Lane
Holland, Michigan 49423

Representing a consumer who was denied case management services in order to transition from the CBI Program into a group home. Ms. Kiernan expressed concerns for this consumer’s future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 16, 2006

CMH 06-014 Motion: To approve the minutes of the January 16, 2006 meeting.

Moved by: Schipper

Supported by: Bombara

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Cyranowski introduced Patricia Genesky as Administrative Assistant, replacing Gloria Pelon.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA of February 20, 2006

CMH 06-015 Motion: To approve the agenda for February 20, 2006.

Moved by: Van Koevering

Supported by: Bombara

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Bird questioned the absence of the resolution on Point of Entry on the agenda, which had previously been tabled and was to be discussed at this month’s meeting. Mr. Cyranowski indicated that this issue would be covered in his Director’s report.

COMMUNICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Services for People with Mental Illness – Presenter: Sue Buist, Program Director

Mr. Cyranowski introduced Ms. Buist. This is the first in a series of presentations by staff members. The presentations are part of a new annual process of program and budget planning for the Board.

Regarding the contract with Franciscan Life Process Center, Ms. Gretzner questioned how the proposed rate for services on the contracts was determined and whether it was comparable to other providers.

Regarding the contract with Beacon Services, Ms. Gretzner questioned why we were paying for services in another county. Mr. Cyranowski explained that if CMH places the consumer out of county then CMH is responsible to cover the expenses.

FY 2005/2006 January Financial Statement

CMH 06-017 Motion: To receive the FY 2005/2006 January Financial Statement as presented.

Moved by: Vander Kam

Supported by: Schipper

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Cyranowski explained that the Board faces the challenge of trying to accumulate savings for use for the next fiscal year. He indicated that the Medicaid Capitated Deferred Revenue has primarily been used for maintenance of effort and it is unlikely that we will accumulate the five percent carry forward.

Ms. Getzner questioned the budgeted insurance and fees, specifically why the budgeted percentage was so high.

Ms. Getzner noted that the columns for MI are broken down by adult and child. She questioned if the same was done for DD. Mr. Cyranowski advised that DD services are typically for individuals who enter the CMH system at the age of 26, therefore very few would be served by the child waiver.

OLD BUSINESS

No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2004/2005 CMHOC Annual Report

CMH 06-018 Motion: To accept the CMHOC 2004/2005 Annual Report and forward to
The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners

Moved by: Bombara

Supported by: Vander Kam

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Cyranowski will present the annual report to the Board of Commissioners on March 14, after which the report will be released to the public.

Closed Session

CMH 06-019 Motion: To go into closed session to discuss matters exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute (2/3 roll-call vote required)

Moved by: Schipper

Supported by: Van Koevering

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEA: Bombara, Schipper, Vander Kam, Bird, Van Koevering, Gretzner, Nale, Berghorst

NAY:

MOTION CARRIED

CMH 06-020 Motion: To rise from closed session at 3:00 p.m.
Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Schipper
MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

Discussion ensued regarding the future of CMH, intake procedures, provisions for DD consumers who are ineligible for services, financing, number of requests for services by Medicaid recipients, whether consumers with HMO's who meet the intake criteria can receive services, consistent eligibility criteria statewide.

Mr. Cyranowski indicated that there will be a presentation on intake eligibility requirements at the March Board Meeting

BOARD REVIEW OF THE DAYS BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Item #1: Presentation in the next few months on intake eligibility criteria for persons with mental illness and/or a developmental disability.

Item #2: Mr. Cyranowski to explore the ADA requirement regarding CLS staff having to pay admission fees to organizations at which a consumer is a member and the assistant accompanies the consumer to the facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berghorst adjourned the February 20, 2006 meeting at 3:20 pm.

Fred Vander Laan, Chair

Edward Berghorst, Secretary