

Approved Minutes
Community Mental Health of Ottawa County – Board of Directors Meeting
CMH Board Room
12265 James Street, Holland, Michigan 49424
June 19, 2006

PRESENT: Edward Berghorst, Rita Bird, Mark Bombara, Robert Brown, Donald Disselkoen,
Rebecca Gretzner, Joyce Kortman, Harris Schipper, Cornelius Vander Kam
STAFF: Gerry Cyranowski, Pam Pekelder, Patricia Genesky, Rick Hunter, Bob Matyas

CALL TO ORDER - Board Chairperson

Edward Berghorst, Chairperson called the June 19, 2006 meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

CMHOC MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Berghorst noted the Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marty Jansen
3126 Carter Street
Grandville, MI

Mr. Janssen commented on the need for services for the deaf community. He noted the increase in available services over the past 25 years, but there continues to be a lack of counselors skilled in sign language.

Jeanette Johnson
Grand Rapids, MI

Ms. Johnson expressed her concerns regarding the lack of mental health services in West Michigan for the hearing impaired. She suggested that Ottawa County and Kent County might partner to provide these services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 15, 2006

CMH 06- 042 Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2006 meeting.

Moved by: Schipper Supported by: Bombara

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA of June 19, 2006

CMH 06- 043 Motion: To approve the agenda for June 19, 2006.

Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Disselkoen

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation: Transitional Employment

Presenter: Rick Hunter, Program Coordinator

Mr. Hunter, along with Mr. Bob Matyas, presented information on Transitional Employment and answered questions. Mr. Hunter requested the Board's assistance in submitting recommendations for potential employers for the Transitional Employment Program. Ms. Kortman indicated that she was aware of one employer who was interested in participating. She will provide Mr. Hunter with that information. Ms. Kortman requested that Mr. Hunter provide the Board with annual reports and cost benefit information.

Presentation: Annual Needs Assessment

Presenter: Gerry Cyranowski, Executive Director

Mr. Cyranowski presented information from the Annual Needs Assessment and answered questions.

Ms. Kortman read from an e-mail she received, which expressed concerns about eligibility criteria and individuals being denied services without a formal evaluation. Ms. Kortman will furnish a copy of the e-mail to Mr. Cyranowski. She also requested a presentation on eligibility criteria for both MI and DD.

Ms. Kortman cited concerns about the treatment of the MI population in the jails. She noted a recent documentary focusing on this issue and indicated that she would provide copies of this documentary if desired. Mr. Cyranowski stated that CMHOC does provide training with law enforcement throughout the county and that this documentary might be an effective training resource. Mr. Cyranowski also noted that the Jail Diversion Task Force has resumed meeting monthly.

Ms. Bird commented on the information presented, stating that it cited areas where services are lacking, but does not address those areas that are well served. Mr. Bombara noted that the Board should be careful when considering funding to new programs that they not to take away from existing, effective programs. Mr. Cyranowski noted that the challenge for the Board and management is determining what core services are, how services can be improved, and what can be added in the future. Mr. Cyranowski also noted that certain services, such as transportation, are not only CMH concerns, but county-wide issues. He expressed the hope that these issues would be addressed in the community, with CMH being a participant in the planning.

Mr. Cyranowski stated that, starting with the next Board meeting and in the Program, Planning, and Quality Improvement Committee meeting, he hoped to address some of these concerns and start formulating plans.

In reference to the public comment received at Board meetings, Mr. Cyranowski noted that acknowledgement letters will be sent, responding to those individual who made comment at the public hearing. In addition, as issues are brought up by the public, Mr. Cyranowski will return the next month with a response regarding these concerns.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. Berghorst noted the resignation of Celia Martinez de Serrano from the CMHOC Board of Directors.

CMH 06- 044 Motion: To accept the resignation of Celia Martinez de Serrano from the CMHOC Board of Directors

Moved by: Disselkoen Supported by: Kortman

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Bird brought up the issue of forming a sub-committee or having the Executive Committee address the issue of Board Policy, and what exactly the Board's responsibilities are. Mr. Cyranowski stated that this will be placed on the July agenda. Ms. Bird expressed her concerns regarding potential out-sourcing services and the need for Board policy regarding such issues.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Bird questioned the hourly rate for respite services. Ms. Pekelder indicated that the rate was \$9.00 per hour to a maximum of \$57.00 per day. Mr. Cyranowski noted that the rate for respite was one of many issues that could be explored by the Board.

Ms. Bird cited an e-mail from a consumer noting that because a consumer was able to voice their desire to work, they were considered ineligible for the skill building services they would need to prepare them for work. Ms. Pekelder stated that the complete opposite was true. Ms Bird indicated that a consumer stated this had occurred. Mr. Cyranowski indicated that the incident could be researched to ascertain the details.

Ms. Bird questioned the contract for providing habilitative clinical services. She expressed the concern that if the contract expired, there would be a lapse in PT, OT, and Speech services. Mr. Cyranowski stated that there are currently negotiating with Holland Hospital regarding this contract.

FINANCE ITEMS:

May Financial Statements

CMH 06- 045 Motion: To receive the FY 2005/2006 May Financial Statement as presented.

Moved by: Brown Supported by: Schipper

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Berghorst noted that the Finance Committee met on June 15. Mr. Bombara stated that much of the discussion at the meeting was with regard to carry forward dollars. Mr. Cyranowski indicated that for the first time there were surplus dollars in the General Fund. The Finance Committee will explore potential uses for these funds at the next meeting.

FY 2005/2006 Service Contracts

CMH 06- 046 Motion: To approve the Service Contracts as presented (including Motion 06- 035 postponed from the May 15, 2006 Board of Directors meeting)

Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Gretzner

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Gretzner questioned the contract with MOKA Corporation and the rate discrepancies between the March contract for CLS services and the June contract for residential placement. Mr. Cyranowski indicated that the particular consumer required these supports to survive, thus the more expensive contracted amount. Furthermore, the contract is a two-month extension due to ongoing discussion with the State to explore alternate funding for this particular consumer.

Ms. Kortman requested that the Board go into closed session to discuss specific information on the various high-cost consumers in order to gain a better understanding of the services needed. Mr. Bombara noted that the goal of the Finance Committee is to review the contract specifics prior to presenting them to the Board for approval. Mr. Cyranowski will provide specific details of this case prior to the contract coming back for approval. Ms. Bird again requested a list of contracts and the terms. Mr. Cyranowski noted that Mr. Hofman had developed the list, but he was unavailable to provide that information at this time.

Mr. Schipper asked that detailed information be brought to the Board in closed session at a future meeting. Mr. Bombara suggested that the Finance Committee discuss these cases and bring the information to the Board with their report.

Ms. Kortman noted her objection to the Center for Women in Transition/Girls on the Run contract and asked for statistical analysis that proved it was effective. She noted that she would like the information reviewed prior to renewing the contract next year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clinical Privileging

CMH 06- 047 Motion: To approve the Privileging Performance Evaluation Contract for Dhanashree Mahesh, MD.

Moved by: Schipper

Supported by: Vander Kam

MOTION CARRIED

The Standards Group – Gerry Cyranowski.

The Board chose to postpone this presentation to the July meeting. Mr. Cyranowski will add this to the agenda.

GENERAL INFORMATION, COMMENTS AND MEETINGS ATTENDED

Mr. Schipper commented on the difficulty of informing the public about county government in relation to mental health and Muskegon's role in distributing the Affiliation's funds.

BOARD REVIEW OF THE DAYS BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Kiernan
Disability Network
426 Century Lane
Holland, MI 49423

Ms. Kiernan stated that she is encouraged by the needs Assessment presentation and that CMH is addressing the issue of working with ISD and the schools.

Mary Baker

Stated that she could not speak to the research regarding the Girls on the Run program, but noted the success of the program for her niece, who had participated.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Berghorst adjourned the June 19, 2006 meeting at 3:10 pm.

CMH 06- 048 Motion: To adjourn the June 19, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved by: Vander Kam Supported by: Bombara

MOTION CARRIED

Edward Berghorst, Chairperson

Donald G. Disselkoen, Secretary