

Approved Minutes
Community Mental Health of Ottawa County – Community Relations Committee
CMH Board Room
12265 James Street, Holland, Michigan 49424
Monday, March 5, 2007

PRESENT: Robert Brown, Daniel Van Ommen
EXCUSED: Lu Reyes
ABSENT: Rebecca Gretzner
STAFF: Gerry Cyranowski, Kelly Sall, Patricia Genesky

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Robert Brown, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:35p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

Mr. Brown noted the mission statement.

Due to the lack of attendees, the minutes and agenda were accepted for information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Accepted for information

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Accepted for information

Mr. Brown reviewed the minutes of the January 2, 2007 meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the development of the Speakers' Bureau. Mr. Brown requested that Mr. Cyranowski develop and overview of CMH for presentation. Mr. Van Ommen volunteered to approach the Zeeland City Council and Zeeland Township about making presentations. Ms. Sall suggested including Ambassador Training information in any presentation. It was suggested that presentations be tailored to particular audiences and their interests.

OLD BUSINESS

Plan Stakeholder Quarterly Meeting - Invitees

Mr. Cyranowski noted that the purpose of these meetings should be education and sharing of information, not a forum for airing grievances. Best Practices was suggested as a topic for first stakeholders meeting. Mr. Cyranowski will develop a list of potential invitees. The first meeting will be scheduled for April 26, 2007 from 7:30 am to 9:00 am in the Macatawa Conference Rooms at DHS. Mr. Brown will develop a letter to be sent to stakeholders. He suggested that Board Members also be invited to participate.

Plan Tours of Selected Providers/Service Sites – Mr. Cyranowski will provide a potential list of locations. Mr. Brown requested that Mr. Cyranowski research the schedule of various community boards/city councils. He requested that Mr. Hofman provide the number of consumers served by zip code. Mr. Van Ommen requested that the outline for the Committee, which was presented at the January meeting, be provided to all Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Ambassador Training – Kelly Sall

Ms. Sall provided Committee members with information regarding the ambassador training program. She noted that this information would be appropriate for use by the Speakers Bureau and that the information contained in the kits can be tailored for particular groups. Mr. Van Ommen requested that the CMHOC annual report be included in the packet. Ms. Sall also discussed the importance of educating the community and legislators about the topic of person first language.

Review CMHOC Communications Materials – Kelly Sall

Ms. Sall provided information from other agencies for review and discussed potential uses for similar information to be developed for use by CMHOC.

Communication Plan for State Legislators

Mr. Brown suggested meeting with Ms. VanderVeen for recommendations. Ms. Sall stated that the Walk a Mile in My Shoes rally is scheduled for May 24, 2007. This event will present an opportunity to speak with legislators. Kelly suggested that Board members try to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Barbara VanderVeen, Committee Chair