Members Present: Sonia Acosta (Webinar), Amy Allen, Julie Barron, Joelene Beckett (via phone), Kevin Fischer, Karen Cashen, Elmer Cerano, Ashley Wills for Mary Chaliman, Becky Cienki, Michael Davis, Norm DeLisle, Elizabeth Evans (Webinar), Benjamin Jones (via phone), Lauren Kazee, Marlene Lawrence, Kevin McLaughlin, Chris O’Droski, Kevin O’Hare, Jamie Pennell, Neicey Pennell, Marcia Probst, Mark Reinstein, Ben Robinson, Brad Casemore for Lori Ryland, Kristie Schmiege, Sally Steiner, Brian Wellwood, Jeff Wieferich, Grady Wilkinson, Cynthia Wright

Members Absent: Lonnetta Albright, Mary Beth Evans, Shareen McBride, Stephanie Oles, Jeff Patton, Patricia Smith, Cynthia Wright

Others Present: Liz Knisely, Jennifer Stentoumis

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

Introductions:
Marcia welcomed the group and introductions were made.

Approval of the March 28, 2014 Minutes:
Minutes from March 28th meeting were reviewed, Brad Casemore indicated that “PIHP” should read “CMHSP” on page 1, 1st paragraph, last line. Norm moved to approve. Elmer Cerano seconded, notes approved unanimously with the one revision.

Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Administration Updates:
Liz Knisely gave the following update:

Department of Community Health is working with the new ten PIHPs on their plans to incorporate the CAs. Contract negotiations are under way for the PIHPs and will soon be underway for the CMHSPs. These negotiations are separate for the first time.

Health Home Project is moving forward. July 1, 2014 is the start-up date.

Liz Knisely and Jeff Wieferich are point people working with the Healthy Michigan expansion. The cut to the general funds due to the Healthy Michigan expansion is continuing to be evaluated. Elmer Cerano asked when the analysis of the funding will be complete as the field is indicating the funding situation is quite bleak, but MDCH does not appear to agree. Liz K. indicated that internal meetings continue and results will be provided to the MACMHB, but the time frame is not set as yet. Becky Cienki asked what the department’s expectation is for transitioning Consumers out of CMH services to community providers as this seems to be inconsistent statewide. Liz K. indicated that the MH Code defines the “must serve” population of CMH and that historically CMHs have served “may serve” folks as well. Those are the people who may be transitioning out. Liz K. indicated that this should be done ethically and if people are not experiencing this, inform Liz K. Mark Reinstein asked that the advocacy community be involved in the discussions about setting priorities statewide. Marcia Probst asked how people were to know which doctor will accept Healthy Michigan coverage. Liz K. indicated that each
Medicaid plan has a panel of providers. Liz K. indicated that they are assessing the spend down issue too, as it has complicated matters as well. The health plans have a clinical advisory committee; the behavioral health side has a similar committee. These two groups interface and are both looking at the mild to moderate population - especially, with SUD and/or Co-occurring. They are looking at utilizing recovery coaches in primary care. The days of the separate health care and behavioral health care systems and silos are over. Collaborative care is essential and required.

Detroit-Wayne CMH Authority is moving forward with a bid-out of the MCPNs, so more info on that will be forthcoming.

Liz K. indicated that work continues to gather input from advisory groups to make sure groups are learning from each other and sharing info. The Transformation Steering Committee is helping gather data on how systems are supporting the recovery movement. Liz K. suggested that the BHAC might look at advising regarding how MHBG training dollars are utilized. MDCH has just released a competitive bid for managing training dollars and activities, same with peer supported activities. Liz K. suggested that the BHAC could provide additional input regarding priorities. Also, the SABG money is going to shift in focus due to the impact of Healthy Michigan. Have to make sure the money is utilized well and completely.

Kevin O’Hare asked about changes in requirements for SA treatment providers, especially peers, on the federal level and how this would impact Michigan. Liz K. indicated that MDCH has been looking at this so as to not put up barriers for peers in Michigan. A discussion ensued about peer support specialist training verses recovery coach training and how to take the best of both and enrich both to be more comprehensive providers. A question was asked about recovery coaches from other cultures being trained so that the service will be available to other populations. Liz K. indicated that this needs more focus as it has not been a large focus. Liz said MDCH continues to work with MDHS and MDOC on serving common populations as well. Liz K. also announced that MDCH is looking at a residential facility that could be Medicaid billable for children with SED. This is in a very preliminary stage of discussion right now.

**Recovery Voices – Chris O’Droski**
The group changed their name to “Michigan Recovery Voices” and has changed up their meeting schedule to include more members statewide. They have a new brochure in the works. The website is constantly improving and the Facebook page is coming along as well. They are trying to expand their outreach to groups that focus on mental illness. They are developing a regional contact structure. They have met with Pam Werner as the State Liaison. They are becoming more action oriented and moving forward with their priorities. Kevin O’Hare added that they need to start collecting data on the way the movie “Anonymous People” is being utilized across the State. “Anonymous People” and “The House We Live In” are both on Netflix now. The group is trying to become more integrated to include both SUD and MI. Kevin McLaughlin reported out on the “Anonymous People” event in Grand Rapids and it was incredibly successful. National Recovery Day Celebration will occur in Grand Rapids in September. There will be info on the website available soon. (mcelebraterecovery.org) Chris O. also reported on an event in Ann Arbor that featured “Anonymous People” and a panel discussion that was very successful as well.

**ROSC – Kevin O’Hare – AKA Transformational Steering Committee**
The group discussed guidelines for medication assisted treatment; opioid related deaths statewide; updates from Liz K., Jeff W. and John Fryer from MDCH and the group reviewed
their purpose and structure. They are trying to be more representative of recovery across the state.

**MH and Wellness BHAC Subcommittee – Mark Reinstein**

A report from the subcommittee was distributed (report attached to minutes). Mark R. moved, Ben R. seconded adopting the committee’s report to be forwarded up as recommendations. It was clarified that the next step would be to send a letter to MDCH Admin. with the BHAC’s recommendations. Motion carried unanimously. A letter from Marcia P. representing the BHAC will go to the MDCH communicating the recommendations and requesting MDCH input as to how the BHAC can contribute to these areas.

**Committee on Parity Survey – Mark Reinstein**

Minutes from the first committee phone conference (attached to minutes). The group met again yesterday and identified eight questions for the survey and next steps. The point of the survey is to try to determine if consumers are experiencing parity. The group discussed how challenging this might be. The idea was suggested that perhaps the actual survey be pursued by private advocacy groups and utilizing private networking to continue this work and bring any relevant results to the BHAC. Mark R. asked if the survey could be finished and distributed and then the group could vote on whether or not they want to continue with the survey as parity is a very important issue.

**Pure Michigan Campaign – Marcia Probst**

Mark R. indicated that he was at the original meeting for this campaign and everyone else there was interested in physical disabilities and making the natural beauty of Michigan accessible to people who have physical challenges. He suggested that the charge of the BHAC has nothing to do with this campaign. He had made some other suggestions to the original group about how this could apply to MH and SA needs and what Michigan has to offer in that regard under the title “Michigan Cares”. Marcia P. suggested that Michigan does have a lot to highlight. Mark R. suggested Marcia P. and Chris O. attend the next meeting and add to the push to get recovery and behavioral health included in a parallel campaign.

**Public Comment**

**Julie Barron** - Reported about her experiences as a peer support specialist and about a friend of hers who was discriminated against in her health care due to her mental illness status. She would like the BHAC to focus on that as well. Mark R. indicated that the duals project may be something for the BHAC to keep tabs on.

**Brian W.** – The JIMHO Support Group Conference is July 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register, contact JIMHO at (800) 831-8035. A new peer-run Drop-in Center, “The Friends for Recovery” Drop-in, opened in Saginaw.

**Karen C.** – Called people’s attention to the two integrated health care handouts that came from the BH Talks conference call for Behavioral Health Care Councils.

Next Meeting is on Friday November 21, 2014 / September meeting was canceled.

**Chris O. moved, Karen C. seconded to close the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**