

Consumer Task Force
Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards
June 10, 2008 10:00 am - noon
MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Pamela Armisted, Roxanne Chang, Jacqui Day, Jennifer Doering, Ian Engle, Jill Gerrie, Laura Hall, Sharon Hall, Sara Harrison, Sharon Hold, Betty Kirk, Carolyn Lejuste, Suanne McBrien, Marion Owen, Robin Ripmaster, Susan Steinke, Veretta Triplett, Cyndy Viars, Colleen Widders, Tammy Yeomans, Jane Church, Robert Curtner, John M. Jokisch, Joe Longcor, Wendi Middleton, Tari Muñiz, Jackie Tichnell

INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Minutes were approved.

OFFICE UPDATE - Jackie Tichnell distributed an update to the Office.

STATUS OF BUDGET - Currently, there has been no activity on the budget. For the House and Senate versions, if they agree, then no further discussion is required. Items of dispute will have to be resolved by both houses.

Ian is organizing advocates to meet with their legislatures. If interested, contact Ian. Support in talking to a legislature can be provided.

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE GRANT - Jane Church provided information on this new grant. It is to provide person-centered planning in the discharge planning after a hospital admission. More partners were added from this discussion. Jacqui suggested this may be one avenue to recruit volunteer ombudsmans. This grant will probably be piloted in one or two smaller hospitals. The hospital's administration need to support this concept. An options counselor from the Long-Term Care Connections will probably be assigned to the pilot hospital. St. Mary's in Grand Rapids was suggested as one pilot location. A letter of support was requested from the Consumer task Force.

STATE PROFILE GRANT - Jackie updated the group on the status of this grant and the need for a consumer advisory group. It was suggested that the entire Consumer Task Force be considered the advisory group. Jackie will be also be working with MDRC on obtaining the consumer's voice for this grant.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SELF-DETERMINATION - Several of the Task Force attended this conference. It was well-attended with a few international attendees. It was apparent that Michigan was a leader in self-determination, not only nationally, but internationally as well.

PROJECT UPDATES - only a few staff provided updates prior to the meeting.

- OSA Diversion - Wendi has an update that Jackie will distribute to the Task Force.
- Project Success - Cyndy graduated from the program and is now a trainer. There were 12 graduates (6 teams). The next step is to find ways to outreach to other for the trainers.
- Prepaid LTC Health Plan - this project is currently under review by the Office's new leadership. The feasibility study has been started.
- Self-determination in Long-Term Care - the grant has ended but efforts continue. There are 275 currently enrolled in MI Choice self-determination. Tari is working on the final report to Robert Wood Johnson.
- Medicaid Infrastructure Grant - the continuation grant is due August. It will focus on Project Search, WIPAs, Freedom to Work, Supported Employment, and changes to legislation. Joe has attended several conferences and made many good contacts.

MEETING WITH PEGGY BREY - Laura met with Peggy Brey, Director, Office of Long-Term Care Support and Services. Peggy is very interested in sustaining the Task Force as a strong advisory group for the Office.

OTHER

- Older Americans Day is June 11 on the Capitol lawn. Attendees will be talking to their legislative representatives.
- Joseph Stramondo is having a film fest and book reviews. The book review is at “Everybody Reads” on Michigan Avenue.
- Allison House is an apartment complex targeted to supported independent living. It is having financial difficulties. Ian will provide a report at the next meeting.
- Mike Oxford provided information on consumer task forces at the self-determination conference.