DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
  P. Saddington, Chair, A. Bailey, W. Cole, V. Giacalone, T. Hammon, B. Hennessy, L. Keller, G. Scruggs, R. Speed, J. Shultz, B. Winiarski

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
  O. Taylor

MANAGEMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item I - Approval of Agenda
(Resolution #09-060-09)
  Schultz moved, Keller seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.
  MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item II - Approval of Board Minutes
(Resolution #09-061-09)
  Keller moved, Schultz seconded the motion to approve the minutes for July 30, 2009.
  MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item III – Presentations
  Paul Jordan presented the results of the Retiree Health Care Advisory Committee survey. Four meetings of the committee have already occurred. One individual had a major concern with meds, but the RHAC was able to intervene and clear up his misconceptions. The other issues/recommendations addressed in the survey were also reviewed.

Agenda Item IV– Public Participation
  Ramona Deese from NAMI thanked the board for the sponsorship of the 2009 NAMIWALKS event, and she looks forward to a continued partnership.

Agenda Item V – Consent Agenda
(Resolution #09-062-09)
  Winiarski moved, Keller seconded the motion to approve the Committee reports for SUD and Program & Evaluation.
  MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item VI – Finance Committee
#1 - Check Register – for the period 08-01-09 through 08-31-09
(Resolution #09-063-09)
Giacalone moved, Keller seconded approval of the voucher in the amount of $7,839,277.41 for the period ending August 31, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED

#2 - Contracts – Executive Summary of contracts on file with official minutes.

(Resolution #08-059-09)
Giacalone moved, Keller seconded approval of new contracts with Manistee-Benzie CMH, Diana Gibson-Lee, Occupational Therapist, and Havenwyck Residential Treatment Center; and amendments for SUD services with Concept Three, Inc., and Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATx); and a contract renewal with the Department of Human Services (DHS).

MOTION CARRIED

The Manistee-Benzie contract is a COFR for a Genesee County consumer receiving services there; the details are still being worked out.

(Resolution #09-064-09)
Giacalone moved, Keller seconded approval of the SUD 3rd Quarter Budget Report.

MOTION CARRIED

(Resolution #09-065-09)
Giacalone moved, Keller seconded approval of the GCCMH General Fund budget amendments for the period October 2009 – June 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item VII – Chair Report

The October calendar was distributed.

L. Keller and B. Winiarski are the Board’s delegates to the MACMHB conference. The theme this year is the ongoing move toward a recovery-oriented system of care (as opposed to the former acute care model).

Regarding the state-wide substance abuse conference, Dr. Cuthbertson stated that GCCMH is ahead of the curve on the SUD treatment side. Mike Head said at the conference that SA funding in Michigan is “an embarrassment.”

Agenda Item VIII - Executive Director Report

Most material sent was informational.

An article in the Flint Journal about the InShape program was distributed.

The 2nd Quarter DCH Key Indicator Report shows that we met all indicators; however, always getting an “A+” may no longer be possible, given the state’s budgetary problems. Quality will remain our #1 priority.

A handout from the Kaiser Family Foundation on health insurance costs was distributed, along with a comparison health care benefit sheet for surrounding area CMHSPs.

A proposal to explore integrated health care programming was presented. We are looking into embedding an FQHC (federally qualified health center) in our agency (Hamilton Clinic is an FQHC). If this occurs, we would become a health care provider, not just a mental health provider.
We would be eligible for enhanced Medicaid and Medicare rates, reduced drug costs, and have access to multiple funding sources. The availability of federal grant funds for this program will be known after October 1st. If we are approved, Hamilton Clinic would help us set up; there would be no competition for funding because different pools of money are involved. CMH consumers would have access to services but would not be given priority. An onsite FQHC would be a sister company to GCCMH and would require its own Board of Directors.

(Resolution #09-066-09)
Winiarski moved, Scruggs seconded exploring new programming for integrated health care through partnership with an FQHC.
MOTION CARRIED

Agenda Item IX – Other Business
Because the Board won’t meet again before October 1st, one provider has already sent out notice of potential lay-offs.

In response to a question, management is already responding to retiree concerns.

There is a DD conference next Tuesday & Wednesday that B. Winiarski will attend.

Agenda Item X – Public Participation
Geoff Kennedy, a CMH retiree, said CMH retirees are the only group of county retirees who are getting cuts in benefits; he said that elsewhere in the county, it has been determined that contractual obligations must be upheld.

Jerry Rowe, representing PSR, said one deaf staff is being laid off. This was the only staff who could communicate with deaf consumers. D. Russell will take this under advisement.

Melinda Grindel, a consumer at PSR, also requested that the deaf staff be kept on.

Dennis Lee, a CMH retiree, said to remember that the unions negotiated in good faith for health care retirement benefits and made compromises. There are real concerns among retirees over decisions affecting prescription drug coverage.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
Minutes Taken By: Suzanne Warth, Executive Assistant
Minutes Transcribed and Submitted By: Pat McLuckie, Administrative Assistant