

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
420 W. FIFTH AVENUE
FLINT, MI 48503
RETIREE HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 7, 2011**

RETIREES PRESENT:

D. Lee, Chairman; N. Cooper, B. Hall, M. Marcot, *via teleconference*: S. Higashi, G. Stimson, G. Kennedy

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

None

UNION MEMBERS PRESENT:

D. Simonds, Teamsters

STAFF PRESENT:

S. Mason

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

- I. Member Attendance – Introductions
Members present in person and via teleconference introduced themselves.

- II. Public Participation
None

- III. Approval of/Additions to Agenda
None

- IV. Approval of Minutes from 5-5-11 Meeting
This item was tabled until minutes are reviewed.

- V. Old Business
 - a. Update on court appeal for deferred retirees. S. Higashi stated the court of appeals upheld the findings of circuit court which upheld the collective bargaining contract. The Agency can appeal the findings within 42 days of the ruling.
 - b. Update on Teamsters lawsuit. This lawsuit was dismissed by Judge Nethercutt; the Teamsters will appeal.
 - c. Update on placing items in the County retirees newsletter. D. Simonds stated she e-mailed Jeff Cyphert, president of the Retirees Association, but received no response. It is believed Mr. Cyphert is no longer president. Simonds will contact

the County retiree office for information on the new president. This item will carry over to the next agenda.

VI. New Business

- a. Proposed budget effect on retiree healthcare. Budget numbers for CMH are looking well as long as the Medicaid Claims Tax passes. This item will be carried over to the next agenda when further information should be available. S. Mason is to check on what has been affected.
- b. Flyer for mailings. S. Mason stated a one page informational sheet can be included with the agency mailings, although she does not know when that mailing will take place. S. Mason is to find out how many retirees do not receive health care benefits from the Agency.
- c. How can the committee be effective for retirees? It was suggested that this be an ongoing item for the agenda as new ideas are always welcome. The committee will continue to compile e-mail addresses of all retirees as this is the quickest and cheapest method of communication. S. Mason advised that B. Swiecicki stated the Agency will accept an electronic or faxed copy with a signature as long as it is followed up with the hard copy. Prevention measures should be emphasized. D. Simonds to check into whether or not retirees could be included in Tracy Malin's Lunch & Learn sessions. Also suggested that CMH should offer clinics for screenings to retirees as part of prevention measures. D. Simonds suggested an annual picnic at which CMH could sponsor a clinic for retirees. S. Mason will check with Mr. Russell about sponsoring such events.

VII. Member Comments

D. Simonds inquired if the Agency had any idea as to what was going to be offered to retirees as far as healthcare benefits this time around? S. Mason stated she does not have any information, and advised the committee that B. Swiecicki offered to meet with them to answer any questions they might have.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Next meeting date; items for the agenda

Next meeting set for 9/8/11 at 10 a.m.

Items for Agenda:

1. Brian Swiecicki (new business)
2. Update on court appeal for deferred retirees
3. Update on Teamsters lawsuit
4. Proposed budget effect on retiree healthcare
5. Update on having items included in the County retirees newsletter
6. Flyer for mailings
7. How can the committee be effective for retirees?

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am
Submitted by Lisa Hutchins, Executive Assistant