SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: September 25, 2003


BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Hammon, B. Hennessy


GUESTS: Janis Meija - CMH Legal Counsel
        David Short - Financial Consultant

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ward Chapman, Genesee County Legal Council, along with John Northrup, Genesee County Finance Chair, addressed the Board regarding the 1999 State Audit, and the match to Community Mental Health for FY02/FY03. Attorney Chapman also addressed the contents of the settlement agreement, from the state to the county board, regarding the depleted funds. Attorney Chapman stated that the Genesee County Board of Commissioners sent a letter to the state requesting “a little more time” to examine the financial data, which has been granted.

Ms. Carol Freeman, from Family Supports Group Home, voiced her concerns in the cut of funds to her facility and stated the short notice may cause hardship to the home residents. Ms. Freeman feels that CMH is not treating the Group Homes fairly or compassionately.

Ms. Huber, from Lake Fenton House, also voiced her opinions on the cuts she has received from CMH, in staffing and finance, due to the changes in the way Medicaid dollars are spent. Ms. Huber is concerned about her two sons’ care within the home, and her not being able to keep track of where her sons are at all times. Ms. Huber stated she has had services taken away, reinstated, to be then readjusted again.

Board Member Maryion Lee, requested written verification on these two matters.

(Resolution #122-03)
Bailey moved, Saddington supported a motion to enter into closed session, as per the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of discussion with Legal Counsel regarding #03-1126-PR, on the grounds that it may be detrimental to CMH.

Yeas: Bailey, Giacalone, Lee, Saddington, Keller, Scruggs, Speed, Cole, Taylor, Ganakas

MOTION CARRIED.

CMH Board Members agreed, to reconvene public participation following the re-opening of meeting to the public.

Meeting closed at 4:27 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 6:17 p.m.

Following return to open session,

(Resolution #123-03)

Bailey moved, Scruggs supported the resolution that the Genesee County Community Mental Health Board of Directors (Board) hereby agrees to accept the Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) Settlement Agreement regarding docket #03-1126-PR, with the following provision: The Board understand that DCH has granted additional time for the County Commission to review and discuss the FY02/FY03 local funds repayment as outlined in Article I, Item #28 of the Settlement Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment 6:35 p.m.