

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
420 W. FIFTH AVENUE
FLINT MI 48503
RETIREE HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 1, 2010**

RETIREES PRESENT:

D. Lee, *Chairman*, P. Jordan, G. Kennedy, M. Marcot, G. Stimson
Via teleconference: S. Higashi

RETIREES ABSENT:

L. Allen, N. Bartkiw, P. Casey, B. Hall, L. Smith, R. Sprague

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

UNION MEMBERS PRESENT:

R. French

STAFF PRESENT:

S. Mason

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

None

Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

No changes to the agenda

Approval of the Minutes from May 6, 2010

Jordan moved, Kennedy seconded support of the May 6, 2010 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED.

Letter to CMH Board regarding process of informing retirees of 2010 health insurance options

The letter to the Board was sent with the May informational packet. The Board has not responded to the question in the letter. It was suggested that another letter be submitted asking for the Board to make it a priority to get health insurance information to the RHAC as quickly as possible. It was suggested that the Board member on the RHAC pass this information along to the CMH Board and ask for a response. S. Mason will find out when information has been received by Blue Cross. The RHAC has asked that D. Hunter attend the next meeting to provide information on health insurance submission of cost proposals.

It was suggested that members of the RHAC attend Finance Committee and Board meetings. G. Stimson will attend the July 14th Finance meeting.

D. Lee will follow up with Archie Bailey on his attendance at the RHAC meetings.

HSA Questions

Questions about HSA should be directed to David Hunter at 810-257-3736. The CMH Website directs call to Payroll (see attached):

In this section you will find information for all CMH Retirees. In addition to this information, there are two additional sections, one for [retirees who are eligible for Medicare](#) and one for [retirees who are not eligible for Medicare](#).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email us at cmhretirees@gencmh.org or call 810-257-3736, ext. 4110 or 4111

Communication from Retirees

This issue was suggested by D. Simonds. It will be tabled until the next meeting.

Committee's ability to suggest/support items related to union agreements

The RHAC is in agreement that negotiated agreements be kept.

Subcommittee Reports

The Advocacy Report was distributed. There are three recommendations offered. There was discussion regarding the law suit Teamsters has filed and the letter retirees received during the early-out program. The letter states issues regarding benefits for staff who select the early-retirement option. S. Mason will look for an early-retirement "agreement" and will distribute to the RHAC. Recommendations on the Advocacy report will be made at the next meeting.

Member Comments

There was much discussion on how the RHAC should function and it should not get into a role to "negotiate" for retirees. It was stated that the RHAC should not be "voting" (for or against) insurance changes being instituted by GCCMH.

All other subcommittee reports will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Proposed by-laws for the RHAC will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Surveys have been submitted. There are a smaller number of responses than last year but the overall percentage is still within normal ranges for survey returns.

Patty Casey contacted Dennis Lee and stated that she is resigning from the Committee as she is concerned the group is not moving in the direction of being an advocacy group. D. Lee will contact her to confirm her resignation.

D. Lee will contact Archie Bailey about his attendance at meetings and being an information conduit to the Board of Directors.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting Date/Items for the Agenda

The next meeting will be held on 08-05-10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

Items for next agenda:

Subcommittee reports

By-Laws

Adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Suzanne Warth, Executive Assistant