

**GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
420 W. FIFTH AVENUE  
FLINT MI 48503  
RETIREE HEALTH CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
August 19, 2009**

**RETIREES PRESENT:**

L. Allen, N. Bartkiw, G. Kennedy, D. Lee, M. Marcot, G. Stimson  
Via Phone Conference: S. Higashi, P. Jordan

**RETIREES ABSENT:**

P. Casey, P. Primel, L. Smith, R. Sprague

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**UNION REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:**

D. Simonds

**STAFF PRESENT:**

S. Mason

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

Welcome and Introductions

Individuals in the room introduced themselves to those joining via phone conference.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Jordan suggested that public comment will be conducted as follows:

- Individuals will provide their name, address and their date of retirement
- The chair has the ability to limit the time on speaking and the number of persons speaking on the same topic. In the spirit of a collegial atmosphere, will keep the time flexible.
- As a trial, keep public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda

Draft Executive Summary

Kennedy modified Higashi's draft for consideration. Primel stated via email that it was short and concise. Bartkiw like Geoff's summary. He suggested including the next two health plans that the majority of retirees are enrolled in. Simonds stated that at the last meeting it was recommended that the vignette be included. Lee agreed that the vignette is a really big fear and actuality for some. Higashi stated that the survey served multiples purposes, one of which is that retirees are not getting the information in a timely manner to make informed decisions. Kennedy suggested using the vignette at the presentation to the Board not in the executive summary but include in the summary a sentence regarding timeliness, confusion, and potential dangers that may happen.

Higashi asked that someone else present the information to the Board as they may see her in an adversarial role related to another issue and she does not want that perception carried over to other retirees or this survey and the Committees processes.

Jordan stated he would present and Higashi could be available via phone for survey questions. He also suggested that other Committee members attend the meeting for support.

*Bartkiw moved, Kennedy seconded a motion to have P. Jordan take the lead of the survey presentation to the CMH Board and to call on other Committee members for clarification if needed.*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Simonds presented a list of recommendations. It was noted that some are for the Board/CMH and some of the Committee. These will be group by “responsible” party.

### Other Business

Kennedy was contacted by a fellow retiree who said that a notice was posted in the Outpatient Surgery department at Genesys stating that no longer accept HealthPlus. Mason will work with De Lay to find out information and relay this information to the group.

Stimson – a retiree contacted her regarding losing other insurance coverage and being eligible for CMH insurance. Mason will look into this specific situation. It was noted that this is another example of confusion by retirees.

Jordan suggested develop a Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) section on the Agency’s website for retirees. Payroll and Human Resource and include the questions they receive. Simonds requested that when the questions relate to union language (both Teamsters and AFSCME) union leadership review the questions with Mason and collaboratively construct the response.

### Member Comments

Bartkiw stated that due to scheduling conflicts he will not be present at meeting for the 3 months.

### NEXT MEETING DATE

Agenda Items September 2, 2009 meeting:

- Executive Summary for Survey
- Survey Presentation to CMH Board of Directors
- Updated Insurance Information – De Lay
- Declaratory Suit Update

Suggestion for other items should be emailed to P. Jordan

Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Suzanne Warth, Executive Assistant