



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 18, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Community Mental Health Building
812 E. Jolly Rd., Lansing, MI 48910

Staff Present:

Bob Sheehan, Judy Hazle, Stefanie Zin, Judi Cates, Chuck Dougherty, Jennifer Stanley, Al Platt, Al Way, Mary Clissold, Brenda Schuler

Public Present:

Lynn Mason, Ionia County
Kathleen Mitchell (Deaf Specialist) and other members of the Deaf and Hearing Community

CALL TO ORDER:

Joe Brehler, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Joe Brehler, Kam Washburn, Sara Clark Pierson, Paul Palmer, Stephen Manchester, Deb De Leon, Maxine Thome, Chris Swope, Kay Randolph-Back, Raul Gonzales, Kay Pray

Board Members Absent:

Dianne Holman

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

MOVED by Deb De Leon and SUPPORTED by Paul Palmer to approve the revised meeting minutes of June 20, 2013. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Stephen Manchester and SUPPORTED by Maxine Thome to adopt the agenda. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Sara Clark Pierson joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Deb De Leon resigned from the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and has taken a new position as Vice Chair of the Odawa Indians. The Board thanked Ms. De Leon for her service as a Board member of CMHA-CEI, and recognized her for all the other work she has done in the Lansing community.

STATUS UPDATE –Region 5:

Bob Sheehan reported that the first Board meeting of the Mid-State Health Network is scheduled for Monday, July 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan.

Mr. Sheehan commented that CMHA-CEI staff have been working closely together with a Finance/IS/Q.I. workgroup to coordinate and protect local service delivery.

Bob Sheehan stated since the Board has not met yet, the CEO's are to be educating their board before the first meeting. Discussion ensued.

It was commented that if this agency picks up some contracts there may be a small increase in personnel.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Presentation on Deaf and Hearing Impaired Issues

June Walatkiewica and Kathleen Mitchell presented on concerns of the deaf and hearing community regarding mental health services. Kathleen Mitchell of the Oakland Integrated Health Network in Oakland county distributed a handout "Mental Health Delivery and Deaf People: Practice, Problems and Recommendations for Change. Ms. Mitchell commented that communication is essential in receiving services. She stated that there needs to be clinicians and other persons at the point of access who specialize in the deaf language. A problem in getting treatment in the community is that signing systems vary among resources. She recommended that an interpreter be brought in during meetings with clinicians.

Other advocates present suggested the following:

- Establish a State Department who will handle state wide planning, oversight and execution of deaf mental health and substance abuse services providing culturally competent care.**
- Develop a referral source for deaf consumers.**
- Develop training for both mental health professionals and American Sign Interpreters.**
- Develop website for deaf services to include educational sign language videos.**

The group commented that use of video phone is helpful and could possibly be used on an assessment team.

Paul Palmer commented that he sits on the Michigan Disability Council and the council does not have representation of a deaf voice.

Bob Sheehan continued with his Directors report recognizing the resolutions that were passed by the counties on equitable funding. In addition, Mr. Sheehan shared a report from Roger Kahn on Medicaid Expansion. Mr. Sheehan introduced Dr. Jennifer Stanley as the new CMHA-CEI Medical Director.

Bob Sheehan to the Board the Strategic Plan for the agency for review.

Mr. Sheehan commented that the Jolly Rd. building was flooded last month so there will be some changes in the near future to eliminate or reduce the flooding of the building.

Following Mr. Sheehan's report, Brenda Schuler gave the Board a tour of the BIRCH Health Center.

Kay Pray dismissed herself from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Program and Planning:

No report.

Finance:

MOVED by Sara Clark Pierson and **SUPPORTED** by Chris Swope to move that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to purchase General, Professional, Directors and Officers, and Cyber liability insurance from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, and Employee Benefits and Fiduciary Liability insurance from The Travelers for the period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 and pay a total of \$169,119 in annualized premium for these coverage's;

that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties approve the purchase of 14 new vehicles for the purchase price of \$401,000 and authorize staff to initiate a loan with JPMorgan Chase Bank for this amount;

AND

that the Board of Directors of Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham Counties authorize CMHA-CEI to enter into a contract renewal with Michigan State University for the RAISE project, to provide services for the period of September 21, 2012 through September 20, 2013 and receive \$48,815 for those services per the amendment received by Michigan State University.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Human Resources:

No report.

Recipient Rights:

No report.

Executive Committee:

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for August 22, 6:00 p.m. at the Eaton County Courthouse, 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte.

Minutes submitted by:

Judy Hazle
Executive Secretary