

SEMCA/SAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m.

Members Present

Tom Waldecker
Tim Durand
Marsha Bianconi
William Irving
Floreine Mentel
Lamar Frederick

Alternates Present

William Ventola
Kim Comerzan
Theresa Burgess

Staff Present

Gregory Pitoniak
Tamara Norrix
Darlene Owens
Ruth Sebaly
Jennifer Kinser
Marilou Lommerse

Guests Present

None

Call to Order

Chair Bianconi called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comment made upon request.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Waldecker to approve the Agenda of February 4, 2010, supported by Ventola. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Frederick to approve Minutes of November 5, 2009 as presented, supported by Durand. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of 2010 Substance Abuse Provider Policies & Procedures.

Board reviewed the following five new policies added since approval in 2009: Acupuncture, Early Intervention, Follow-up, Recovery Oriented Services and Relapse Recovery/Peer. Waldecker requested that the questions be removed from the Follow-Up Policy. Waldecker requested that the open-ended questions be reviewed and modified. New questions will be brought back to the board for their review.

MOVED by Durand to approve all 2010 Substance Abuse Provider Policies & Procedures with the change of eliminating the specific questions from the Follow-up Policy, supported by Waldecker. All voting aye, motion carried.

Board Member Updates

Bianconi advised Board that Tim Johnson retired from Wayne County and that he will be replaced by Gregory Eno. A thank you letter to Mr. Johnson was distributed for review.

MOTION by Mentel to send letter thanking Mr. Johnson for his years of service, supported by Ventola. All voting aye, motion carried.

Funding Updates

Pitoniak stated that the 1998 formula was used for the reduction in Substance Abuse funding. BSAAS also found that they had more of a deficit than was expected and each CA would receive an additional cut to their funding. SEMCA's total reduction is \$184,805 in Community Block Grant, \$2,100 in State Disability Assistance (SDA) and \$81,609 in SPF/SIG.

Pitoniak also advised the Board that Nancy Piwowar has accepted the position of CFO and will begin on March 1, 2010. She is currently employed as Controller for the City of Farmington Hills.

Treatment/Prevention/AMS Updates

- SEMCA – Board reviewed and discussed results of the Provider Satisfaction and Client Satisfaction Surveys.
- WCHO/MONROE – SEMCA received its Monroe Medicaid Contract for 2010. SEMCA is still awaiting the site visit report, which was conducted by WCHO back on September 30, 2009. WCHO is no longer pursuing the NCQA Accreditation.
- DWCCMHA – Owens stated that SEMCA continues its involvement in the Systems Transformation Change. Dr. Cline visited SEMCA and provided technical assistance training to the AMS Department. SEMCA received its Annual Customer Services Site Assessment Report. SEMCA scored 318.34 out of 320 points and provided the corrective action plan for LEP training.
- MDCH/BSAAS – Adult Benefit Waiver is no longer under Title XXI State Children health Insurance Program. This benefit plan has been placed under Medicaid, which is under the PIHP's. This may mean that the PIHP's will take administrative costs but SEMCA has not received written notification stating this to date.
- SPF/SIG – SEMCA has awarded Continuation Grant Awards in the amount of \$20,000 each to Resources for Assisting Community Youth Coalition (RACY), Stop Underage Drinking Downriver and Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force.
- MiPHY – Board discussed the student survey developed by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) in collaboration with MDCH, available to all Michigan schools to assess factors related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, violence, sexual behavior, physical activity and nutrition. The data is collected every two years for students in Grades 7, 9, and 11, and as of the end of January, only 9 schools have agreed to participate. Sebaly asked board to contact their school districts and encourage them to take part. A brochure was distributed for the Board's review and use.
- SMOKE FREE AIR LAW – Board was provided with House Bill No. 4377 to review the guidelines for which establishments will now be smoke free in Michigan.
- DRUG & SAFE FREE SCHOOL STATE GRANT – President Obama eliminated the States Grant portion of this program for the FY 2010 budget. As of June 2010, drug and violence prevention programming will be eliminated and prevention funding for the SEMCA region will be reduced by \$779,720 for participating school districts. This change does not directly impact SEMCA's SAS budget.
- UNDERAGE DRINKING TOWN HALL MEETINGS – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association (SAMHSA) is providing a \$500 stipend directly to community-based organizations and coalitions to conduct Town Hall meetings to discuss ways to reduce and prevent underage drinking. Seven communities have agreed to participate in the SEMCA region, Hamtramck, Southgate, Taylor, Harper Woods, Monroe, Inkster and Plymouth/Canton.

New/Old Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

MOVED by Durand to adjourn the meeting, supported by Ventola. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Lamper-Norrix
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