

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

Members Present

Tom Waldecker
Jim Perry
Marsha Bianconi
William Irving
Tim Keyes
Loretta Davis

Alternates Present

William Ventola
Kim Comerzan
Theresa Burgess
Gregory Eno

Staff Present

Gregory Pitoniak
Tamara Norrix
Darlene Owens
Ruth Sebaly
Jennifer Kinser
Nancy Piwowar
Bill Hellar
Theresa Webster

Guests Present

None

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Tom Waldecker called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Roll Call

Waldecker asked the Board to introduce themselves for the new members in attendance. Pitoniak introduced SEMCA's new CFO, Nancy Piwowar.

Public Comment

No public comment was made upon request.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Keyes to approve the Agenda of March 4, 2010 with the addition of Agenda Item 8b, SPF/SIG Grant, supported by Perry. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Perry to approve Minutes of February 4, 2010 as presented, supported by Ventola. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Access to Recovery Project

SEMCA attended several meetings at the request of the Michigan Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services (BSAAS) with the Detroit Department of Health to enter into a joint application for an Access to Recovery (ATR) Program grant. The program is designed to provide client choice among substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support service providers for a targeted adult population that includes returning war veterans, those involved in drug courts, the homeless, those on parole nearing the end of supervision and those released from prison with no supervision. The application request is for a \$4 million grant over 4 years.

It is tentatively agreed upon that SEMCA will be the lead agency and function as the fiduciary, but we are still in negotiations. SEMCA's role would include the management of the provider network, including provider training and monitoring as well as processing invoices and paying providers. The Detroit Department of Health will function as the access management system for the targeted

population. This would involve screening callers, issuing electronic vouchers and conducting and tracking the required six month follow-up calls. Clients issued a voucher could access any participating provider in the SEMCA or Detroit Department of Health provider network. Both organizations would be responsible for recruiting additional (especially faith-based) providers and marketing program services.

State's role will be the ATR program and data management. They are also the applicant to the federal government and delegating the roles locally. If awarded, the program is to begin October 1, 2010.

SEMCA staff are recommending Board approval of the partnership with the Michigan Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services (BSAAS) and the Detroit Department of Health to apply to SAMHSA for an Access to Recovery grant, and to authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with BSAAS should a grant be awarded.

MOVED by Perry to approve the partnership with BSAAS and Detroit Department of Health in their application for an Access Recovery Grant, and to authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the BSAAS should the grant be awarded, supported by Keyes. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Holy Cross Moreau Adolescence Residential Services

Holy Cross Moreau Adolescent Residential Services is requesting to be added to SEMCA's Medicaid panel. The program is located in Monroe and will provide a local treatment modality option that is currently provided in Saginaw County. SEMCA has had a positive working relationship with Holy Cross in the past.

MOTION by Keyes, to approve the addition of Holy Cross Moreau Adolescence Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program to the SEMCA Medicaid Provider Panel, supported by Bianconi. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of IOP with Domicile Program for Monroe County

The Guidance Center, in partnership with the Touchstone Recovery Program, has proposed a pilot of an intensive outpatient with domicile program. The pilot would be funded with Monroe PA 2 funds in the amount of \$59,040. SEMCA staff has reviewed the proposal and believe it will extend a treatment option into Monroe County that currently does not exist. Implementation would be April 1, 2010 with the approval of an environmental survey and the licensing confirmation.

MOTION by Perry to approve the utilization of \$59,040 of Monroe PA 2 funds to fund the Intensive Outpatient Treatment with Domicile proposal submitted by The Guidance Center/Touchstone Recovery Program, supported by Davis. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval to Issue 30-Day Notice of SPF/SIG Contract Termination to RACY Coalition

SEMCA has not received a signed SPF/SIG contract from Resources for Assisting Community Youth (RACY), the prevention coalition serving Van Buren Township. SEMCA was informed that they have lost their fiduciary, Growth Works, Inc., and have not demonstrated that they have the infrastructure to support the current grant. The program is almost six months into the funding cycle, so SEMCA will need to reallocate the funds to the two other SPF/SIG providers so they are not lost. SEMCA is requesting authorization of this Board to issue a 30-day notice of non-renewal of SPF/SIG contract to RACY unless they provide SEMCA with a signed contract within 30-days with a qualified organization to serve as their fiduciary agent.

MOTION to authorize SEMCA to issue a 30-Day Written Notice of Non-Renewal of Contract to Resources for Assisting Community Youth (RACY) unless a signed contract with a qualified organization to serve as their fiduciary agent is received within 30-days. If no contract is received then SEMCA requests the authority to reallocate the funds to the two other SPF/SIG providers. Motion by Burgess, supported by Irving. Vote taken, Bianconi and Ventola abstain. Motion carried.

Funding Updates

Nothing new since the last minutes.

Treatment/Prevention/AMS Updates

- **Systems Transformation Change**
Owens reviewed with the Board the FY 08-09 Systems Transformation Accomplishments.
- **Contract Termination with Catholic Social Services of Wayne County**
SEMCA received written notice that Catholic Social Services of Wayne County is terminating their contract effective March 31, 2010. They provide substance abuse prevention services in Highland Park, and the loss is a concern since they are the only prevention provider for this community. Agencies that are being approached to fill the gap in the Highland Park area.
- **Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey (MiPHY)**
Webster provided an updated list of school districts that have registered for the MiPHY Statewide Survey. Monroe County has six of the nine school districts registered or pending registration.
- **Schedule of Town Hall Meetings**
Webster provided an updated list of Town Hall meetings.

New/Old Business

No new business was discussed. The April 1, 2010 meeting will most likely be cancelled and confirmation of cancellation will be sent via email.

Adjournment

MOVED by Ventola to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bianconi. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Lamper-Norrix
Executive Assistant - SEMCA