

**SEMCA/SAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
September 3, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m.**

Members Present

Tom Waldecker
Tim Durand
Marsha Bianconi / 9:05
William Irving
James Perry

Alternates Present

William Ventola
Tim Johnson
Theresa Burgess
Tom Fielder
Joanne Inglis

Staff Present

Gregory Pitoniak
Tamara Norrix
Darlene Owens
Theresa Webster
Jennifer Kinser
Marilou Lommerse

Guests Present

None Present

Call to Order

Vice Chair Waldecker called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Chair Bianconi had called in to state she was delayed by traffic and to request that Vice-Chair Waldecker proceed with the meeting until she arrives.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Public Comment

No public comment made upon request.

Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Fielder to approve the Agenda of July 9, 2009, supported by Durand. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Perry to approve Minutes of July 9, 2009 as presented, supported by Ventola. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of FY 2010 Infrastructure & Capacity Building Grants (PA2)

The SPF/SIG coalition model is being used to build capacity and a coalition structure in the region with the use of PA2 funds. This goal is to assist community coalitions in building a solid foundation for delivering and sustaining effective prevention services. SEMCA received 11 proposals from the RFP process. The Board discussed the eligibility requirements, fiduciary partners for each coalition and making sure audits are performed to assure the administration of the \$20,000 is being managed properly. This grant is expected to be funded for three years. Year one will consist of building the infrastructure and capacity and meeting certain criteria before moving into the second and third years of the grant. SEMCA staff requests that the SAS Board approve the following Prevention Coalitions for Funding in an amount up to \$20,000 each for the program year beginning October 1, 2009:

- Inkster Task Force for Strong Families
- Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition
- Livonia Save Our Youth Task Force
- Plymouth Canton Changing Alcohol Policies and Perceptions
- River Rouge Policy Prevention Board
- Romulus Middle School Coalition
- Youth Care Coalition [Monroe]

MOVED by Perry to approve the seven recommended providers listed above to receive the FY2010 Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant, supported by Fielder. All voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Welcoming Declaration for Recipients

The Board reviewed the Welcoming Declaration for Recipients document and made their suggested changes to be brought back before the Co-Occurring Implementation Team for review and completion. (See pg. 23 of Agenda Packet for recommended changes.) Board was advised that five partners will have to agree on these changes, so some of our suggestions may not be accepted. DWCCMHA will pay for the cost of printing the posters and the finished document will be posted in all of our treatment facilities. Board questioned any legal review, and SEMCA will have their lawyer review it.

MOVED by Fielder to approve the recommended changes to the Welcoming Declaration for Recipients document to be brought before the Co-Occurring Implementation Team, supported by Irving. All voting aye, motion carried.

Funding

Pitoniak intended to provide funding information in New/Old Business, but requested to update the board at this time.

- Board received and reviewed a funding comparison of the first 10 months of current and previous program years pertaining to SEMCA treatment services. Pitoniak discussed the decline in all levels of care with the exception of Residential-Detox services.
- Pitoniak discussed the state budget being unresolved and the fear of not reaching a resolution before October 1, forcing a state shut-down. SEMCA does anticipate a significant cut in substance abuse services to balance the state budget.
- Pitoniak discussed Section 407 of HB 4436 that has language regarding the transfer of managing substance abuse dollars to the local PIHP's. Approval of this Bill would eliminate SEMCA as the Coordinating Agency (CA) of Out-Wayne County and Monroe County funding. MASACA Legislative Advisers are hopeful that the language will be removed before leaving Conference Committee.

Treatment/Prevention/AMS Updates

- Monroe Heroin Deaths & Overdoses – Board received and reviewed updated charts regarding drug overdoses/deaths and trends. Owens will provide this information quarterly unless there is an alarming change that needs review.
- Levels of Care Criteria/Definitions – This document was sent to the Board via email and has been included in the Board Packet.

- Gambling Policy/Signs – SEMCA contacted MDCH and it is not mandatory for gambling facilities to have gambling addiction help posted in their facilities. SEMCA is trying to obtain posters to be utilized by SEMCA’s provider network.
- Monroe County – SEMCA is meeting bi-monthly with Monroe agencies to address the gaps in services, access issues and problems between agencies in Monroe County.
- WCHO – A site visit is planned for September 30, 2009. WCHO will be reviewing Medicaid case records and policies and procedures.
- DWCCMHA – Owens will meet with DWCCMHA today for an exit interview based on our recent audit. One non-compliance issue was determined with some of our providers regarding the separation of the Grievance and Appeal Policies. A summary of the exit interview will be provided at the next board meeting. Owens also noted the attached Definitions and Partners for Wayne County Systems Transformation for the Board’s review and records.
- MDCH – On August 10, 2009, SEMCA was allocated \$100,121 of additional SAPT Block Grant funds that SEMCA opted not to accept. Those dollars were divided among several other CA’s requesting additional funding.
- SPF/SIG Funding – The State is moving into its seventh year of SPF/SIG and have applied for a no cost extension to carry forward unused funding for FY2010. They also submitted a proposal for a Partnership for Success Grant to extend SPF/SIG activities in Wayne County and are waiting to hear if it was accepted.
- SPF/SIG Coalition Event – A very successful press conference was held on August 20, 2009 at the Taylor Police Department. SEMCA’s SPF/SIG coalitions (RACY, SUDD and Taylor Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force) partnered with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning, MADD, Downriver Party Patrol, political and community leaders and over 20 law enforcement agencies to support the national drunk driving campaign “Over the Limit Under Arrest”.
- Statewide Training Grant/ODCP – Our long-term provider Knopf Company in Plymouth was awarded the Statewide Training Grant for FY 2010.
- SYNAR – SEMCA region met the compliance benchmark for FY 2009 with an 83% rating.

New/Old Business

- Annual Substance Abuse Conference is being held September 14-15 at the Marriott Detroit at the Renaissance Center. SEMCA will cover registration fees. Contact Tamara if you wish to attend.
- Webster asked the members to visit the Substance Abuse Board in the hallway to obtain information of upcoming events in the area.

Adjournment

MOVED by Ventola to adjourn the meeting, supported by Durand. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Lamper-Norrix
Executive Assistant - SEMCA