

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

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Meeting Minutes August 8, 2008

Present: CFAC Members (See Sign-in Roster—22 members in attendance.)

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate

July 2008 meeting minutes—Laura. Minutes were approved unanimously. Laura welcomed everyone and introductions were made. Sign-in roster was presented and it was emphasized that people need to not only put what population group they are representing, but also what agency they or their family member are / was receiving services from. It was explained again that we are trying to track who is providing feedback to CFAC so we can target under-represented groups in order to get more diverse involvement in the group.

News, Views, Announcements & CFAC Sharing

- NAMI Georgia is hosting the National CIT Conference coming up November 4-6 at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Atlanta. Deadline to apply is September 2.
- Discussed possibility of checking items out of the library but because of the number of unreturned items, the possibility of leaving a deposit to take items out of the library area was suggested. This will be discussed further.
- OCATS is in transition and will e-mail to check the possibility of tracking down the Retreat notes from Doug D.
- Ann S brought in a donation for the library, Hilltop – “A Hospital and a Sanctuary for Healing, its Past and its Future.” She wanted to thank NAMI for this donation.
- Andy S brought in a donation for the library, “The Soloist” and provided an overview of the book.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Charleta Tavares, Columbus City Council member

Discussed the History of Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) which led to the creation of a non-profit organization in 2006. The MACC Conference is September 18 and 19 at Columbus State Community College, The Center for Workforce Development. The deadline to register is September 8. Registration forms were distributed and nine were completed and turned in before the end of the meeting. Fourteen CFAC members were interested in attending. Charleta updated the group on the Statewide Needs Assessment. The next targeted group would be Veterans. The Veterans Stand Down at Vets Memorial and the need to better understand the resources veterans need was discussed. There has been a significant increase in the number of Veterans who are calling the Suicide Hotline. State Level Accessibility issues were discussed and Senator Peterson as the connection to forward your support for this push. They are pushing for every new build home to be wheelchair accessible and 0 steps. The entrance and bathroom areas should have a wide turn radius.

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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee—A big discussion ensued over how the leadership monies should be spent. This should be a group consensus and many people shared their opinions on how the money should be spent, possibly use a portion of the money next year to create a part-time paid position at the Board to assist the Consumer and Family Advocate in CFAC functions.

Volunteer Assessment Committee—It was discussed that members will be followed up with more closely.

Marketing Committee— Ingrid—Community events volunteer sheets were passed out for people to sign up for events. Discussed the possibility of an Outcomes Survey for volunteers to see if they had a good experience at the community event and what they learned.

Education Committee— Katie— Next educational event will occur in October. Details to come. Educational meeting on Thursday, August 14 at 2 p.m. at the Board. Submission for the Fall newsletter is now taking place.

The P.E.E.R. Center—Progress is being made on the renovation. Discussion of Birthday Bash and Collaboration with CFAC.

Partners—Christy—The Warm Line is working and the number is 358-8255. The hours are from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. Starting on August 1, the hours were extended to 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.

CIT Training—Neal and Phil—Next CIT training will be the week of November 10

Sunshine—.Aleta and Jason—Kevin D at the Board had a death in the family and it would be good to send a card from CFAC to Kevin.

Clinical Directors— Laura T— Community Housing Network spoke to the group about housing issues and procedures.

Cooperation Committee—Laura T— Continuing to work with NAMIFC, MHA, and OAMH.

ADAMH Involvement Committee—Phil—. Consumer and Provider STAT volunteers need to call Carma, the operator at the Board, the morning of a meeting to confirm the meeting has not been cancelled.

Member Tracking Committee—Aleta and TK—Form will be developed in the future to keep track of volunteer hours, including community events, ADAMH workgroup and committee involvement. The form will include: name of events and workgroups, dates involved and amount of time for each item. This committee should also update the main roster using the monthly sign-in sheets to keep the main roster up to date so everyone is receiving minutes. An email distribution list has been developed by Phil. Possible reimbursement discussion for mileage.

Liaison Committee—Neal—Neal stated that he would be glad to meet with members individually if interested. It was recommended that CFAC should make a recommendation to a board in favor of the person, if an individual is trying to get on an agency board.

Consumer/Provider Stat—Ron W.—Agencies are doing better although some agencies have billing problems with their claims.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008, 4:30 - 6:30PM

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