

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

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Meeting Minutes June 2, 2008

Present: CFAC Members (See Sign-in Roster—16 members in attendance.)

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate, Dr. Kathy Burns, SCCO

April 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 CFAC.

News, Views, Announcements & CFAC Sharing

- Educational Program focusing on self-advocacy on Sat., June 28, 1–3 p.m. at the P.E.E.R. Center
- Katie F shared information about a book with historical information about TVBH, including name changes. The book costs \$15 and the group has requested it be purchased and remain in CFAC resource center at the Board.
- Ohio Advocates for Mental Health 25th annual meeting: Doubletree Hotel in Worthington August 1 – 3.
- Connie S shared “The Animal Insider” publication with the group.
- Adult Anxiety Disorders Conference sponsored by MHAFC.
Date: June 18, 2008
Registration: 8 - 8:30 a.m.
Conference: 8:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Place: Columbus State Conference Center
315 Cleveland Ave., Columbus, OH 43216
Scholarships are available - contact 221-1441 for more details.
- The P.E.E.R. Center is in the process of developing an Advisory Board and is recruiting members for this Board.

Dr. Burns, SCCO, ADAMH Special Presentation—Dr. Burns gave background information to the group regarding her education and past job history. Her interests involve forensic services and her major project is working to improve access to services including psychiatric beds. She is trying to work on more comprehensive services within the community care system and improve the turnaround time on benefits when someone is incarcerated. This way, the person does not lose benefits, rather they are suspended. There is a community linkage from Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) to the prison system. They are aware six months before the person is released from prison. Trauma Centers needed. She is also working to improve connections between agencies and the hospital.

A volunteer advocacy group that promotes education, support, empowerment and activism of consumers and families within the mental illness and addiction recovery services in Franklin County.

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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee—The executive committee has ordered giveaways for community events and samples of them will be shared with the group when they arrive. Also, the CFAC budget will be shared at the next Executive Committee meeting. Specific budget items will be discussed including Leadership, Scholarships and Public Affairs.

Volunteer Assessment Committee—The main roster has been updated with the addition of names from past full council sign-in rosters. Orientation will be scheduled for new members in the near future.

Marketing Committee—Asian Festival went extremely well and 19 people signed up to receive more information on CFAC. Thank you letters have been drafted and will be sent out with monthly meeting minutes and agenda for those people. Comfest work roster and training schedule was shared during the meeting. Annheiser Busch Employee Health Fair will take place on Sept. 12 from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. and volunteers are needed. A schedule of ADAMH community events will be shared at the next Executive Committee meeting to discuss possible CFAC involvement.

Education Committee—Katie—Deadline for newsletter information will be the August full council meeting on August 4. Mighty Marchers raised \$1800 for the NAMIWALK event. More than \$83,000 in cash and \$20,000 in donated services were raised for this event. HELP IS COMING Self Advocacy Program will be held at the P.E.E.R. Center on June 28 from 1-3 p.m. The next education meeting occurs on June 12 from 2 - 3 p.m. at ADAMH. These meetings occur the second Tuesday of every month from 2 - 3 p.m.

P.E.E.R. Center—Juliet—Asked for input on the development of an Advisory Board since the P.E.E.R. Center is going through that process now. The Center has had 173 new visitors and an average attendance of 46 visitors per day. More than 30 education groups occur at the center weekly.

Partners—Christy M.—Partners needs to be on the Agenda. Christy has been a very active member and has been attending meetings on a regular basis and can give the Partners report.

CIT Training—Neal and Phil—No report.

ADAMH Involvement Committee—Christy, Andy, Ron, and Aleta are involved in Provider STAT and another CFAC member has been recruited for the Visual Performance Management work group. Members should request they receive a survey from the ADAMH lead for their workgroup so they can provide feedback regarding consumer/family centeredness for their particular workgroup. I have sent surveys electronically to all the ADAMH work group leads.

Sunshine—Aleta and Jason—In May, Peggy received a Birthday card. Mitzy K and Linda W received Get Well cards. MHA also received a Thank You card from CFAC for the NAMI Scholarships.

Clinical Directors—Laura T. — Both MH and AOD at the same meeting to discuss issues.

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

Member Tracking Committee—Aleta—Form will be developed in the future to keep track of volunteer hours, including community events, ADAMH workgroup and committee involvement including name of events and workgroups, dates involved and amount of time for each item. Updating the main roster with monthly sign-in sheets to keep the main roster up to date to ensure everyone is receiving minutes.

Liaison Committee—Neal mentioned he would be glad to meet with members individually if they are interested in being on an agency board. People are encouraged to attend their agency board meetings so they can get an idea of what occurs at the meetings.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, AUGUST 4 2008 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.