

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

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Meeting Minutes October 6, 2008

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

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate and Corinne McManus, Director, Public Affairs

September 2008 meeting minutes—Ron W. Minutes were approved unanimously. Ron 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. Connie S. was the greeter and assisted people in filling out the sign in roster correctly.

News, Views, and Announcements & CFAC Sharing

- Women's and Family Expo combining with Winterfair at the Ohio Expo Center on December 6 – 7. Volunteers are needed.
- COVA now has a job club and is open from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesday nights.
- NAMI Franklin County Annual meeting is on October 20 at North Community Lutheran Church.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Andrew Tinkham, Outreach and Education Specialist, Office of the Ohio Consumer's Council

- Utility assistance and guidelines presented for gas, electric, water and telephone.
- Assistance period is from October 20 to March 31.
- Need reconnection order. The service is contacted for \$175 and then you are on a repayment plan.
- Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP) – You can make an appointment at the local community action center. You can only apply one time per heating season. No income requirement for eligibility
- PIPP—1/3 and 1/6 payments plans—medical certificates can stop disconnection
- AEP is applying for a rate increase of 15% for the next 3 years or a 45% increase over the next 3 years. Two public hearings are scheduled for this, October 21 and October 27. On October 21, the hearing will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Hearing Room 11-C, located at 180 East Broad Street. The second hearing will take place on Monday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Whetstone Park of Roses Shelter House, located at 3901 N. High Street.

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Committee Reports:

Executive Committee—No Report

Education Committee—Katie – There is an educational event at Pathway Clubhouse located at 1203 East Broad Street (at Champion) on October 18 from 1 – 2 p.m. Next educational committee meeting is October 9 from 2 – 3 p.m. at ADAMH.

Marketing Committee—Ingrid – The committee is currently recruiting volunteers for the Woman’s and Family Expo on December 6 and December 7. Cost for this event is \$400 so it is vital that volunteers follow through with their assignments. There is an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 expected at this event since they are teaming up with Winterfest. If interested in volunteering for a time slot, please see Ingrid for details. Comfest planning meetings for next year are already being scheduled.

P.E.E.R. Center—P.E.E.R. Center is now open in their new building. The new address is 1221 East Broad Street and right next to their former location (Pathway Clubhouse).

Partners—Christy—There is a job support group on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7 p.m. The Warm Line is working and the number is 358-8255. Hours are 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. and also 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Halloween party is scheduled for this month. Agoraphobia and Anxiety group meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 4 – 5 p.m.

CIT Training—Neal and Phil—Next CIT training will be the week of November 10th. November 11 will be the family panel and November 12 will be the consumer panel.

Sunshine— No Report.

Clinical Directors— No Report.

Cooperation Committee— No Report.

ADAMH Involvement Committee—Phil—All ADAMH workgroups and committees are being staffed with CFAC volunteers at this time. Ron W. and Christy M have volunteered to be involved with the IDDT/ACT System Steering Committee and the first meeting will be October 29 from 1 – 3 p.m. at ADAMH. Stephanie Patrick is the ADAMH lead for this committee.

Member Tracking Committee—Aleta and TK— A meeting has been set to discuss the development of forms 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 to ensure everyone is receiving minutes. An email distribution list has been developed by Phil. A consideration for this group should be to make follow up phone calls to new members to keep their interests in continuing to come to the group.

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

Consumer/Provider Stat—Ron W.—Agencies are doing better. North Community may have a consumer job opening. Two agencies had computer problems. Concord and CHN have created 80 apartments.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 4:30 – 6 P.M.

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