

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

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Meeting Minutes February 1, 2010

Present: 32 CFAC Members in attendance

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate, Nettie Ferguson, ADAMH staff, Rachelle Martin, Executive Director, NAMI Franklin County, Neal Edgar, Ombudsman, MHA, Kevin Dixon, ADAMH Staff

News, views, announcements, and CFAC sharing

- Alisha took group photo including Representative Harris
- Ingrid gave instructions for filling out survey.
- Laura moves to accept minutes, Barbara seconds
- Non working consumers can join NAMI for only \$3. They have a library, peer support groups etc.
- Feb Columbus Monthly has an article about mental health cuts.

Special guest speaker: Marian Harris, State Representative 19th District.

- Worked for Howard Mezzanbaum.
- She became a resource for human services. NIMH conference led to deinstitutionalization. 648 Board in the late '70's. Agencies were just beginning to form.
- First hand experience with a consumer shaped the way she does her job. A man waiting for his benefits to be reinstated died by suicide while she was trying to help him.
- Went on to work for Celeste with MRDD setting up family support system to help families stay intact.
- Introduced a domestic violence bill. How do we deal with the victims that don't want to press charges? How do we legislatively help the victims? What about the children exposed to domestic violence? Domestic violence review board when a homicide is committed. A problem is that the laws are not being enforced.
- Some suggestions were counseling for abuser while in jail; more services for victims; police, courts, etc need to be on the side of the victim to avoid re-victimization;
- Eastern rim of Franklin County is her district (19th)
- MarianforOhio.com—can obtain information at that web address.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Committee – Katie- End of June for community seminar. We need input for ideas and help with advertising. Next meeting will be on 2/11 @ 2pm

Executive committee – Ron—Reported that discussion occurred regarding Action Committee and trying to get a firm commitment from members to move this group forward and develop links and relationships with other advocacy groups in order to work together to address legislators re: legislation.

Action Committee—Creed- not here. Laura- we'll have 3 people co chairing this committee. We want to work with Betsy from NAMI Ohio. Check with your legislator to see what they are involved with. We'll be putting together a survey. Meets at 3:30pm prior to CFAC Full Council meeting on the first Monday of the month.

Marketing Committee – No report

P.E.E.R. Center – Juliet- not here- Deidra- numbers are growing. Transition to independence moving forward. Birthday bash is back

Partner- Ellen- Not here

CIT Training - Neal and Phil – Michelle Gallagher will be doing the trainings now instead of Andrea. Why don't the police ask more questions of the consumer panel? We can call Neal with ideas for questions police can ask the consumers.

Sunshine – Aleta-Sent card to Phil and Ray

Volunteer Assessment Committee—Phil— need volunteer to chair—Ensure the volunteer profiles are completed and will solicit members to represent CFAC on ADAMH workgroups/committees—Will work closely with Phil in the ADAMH Involvement Committee.

Clinical Directors – Laura- They are looking for ways to help those most in need—Criteria for termination of services needs to be addressed.

Collaboration Committee –Laura – Still working with NAMI Ohio, NAMIFC, MHA, P.E.E.R. Center and have developed a relationship with (Ohio Wellness Network- CFAC members Durrie and Vanessa) and will establish a relationship with Ohio Empowerment Coalition to establish an Action Committee Network to address our legislators and upcoming bills.

Coordinating Committee – No report

ADAMH Involvement Committee—Phil— We have representation on all active committees at ADAMH

Member Tracking Committee – Laura- trying to get list updated. We'll be showing a movie Feb. 16th here at ADAMH at 1pm.

Liaison committee- Neal – no report

ADAMH/Consumer Stat – Ron – Ron does not have the Consumer Stat Schedule for this year yet.

VPM Committee—Christy—We are accepting donations for the resource room. Please current publications only. March will be the first month that items can be checked out before the CFAC meeting.

6:00p.m. Ron asked for a movement for adjournment. Kelli moved and Ingrid seconded. Socialization occurred with new members for the next 25 minutes.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 FROM 4:30-6 P.M.

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