

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2011

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Present: CFAC 27 Members in attendance

Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate, ADAMH; Mary Beth Sparks, Client Rights Officer, CSN

4:30–4:40 p.m.—Welcome Everyone and INTRODUCTIONS! Review of the February 7, 2011 meeting minutes—Christy M: Andy motioned, Kelli seconded and minutes approved unanimously.

News, views, announcements, and CFAC sharing

- Christy – Solidarity 2011 April 26 -28th Hyatt Regency
- Ingrid – NAMI magazine available in table, post cards available for distribution for sleep out in May. NAMI Walk meeting at NAMI Ohio tonight at 6:30pm, check out the Columbus Dispatch for mental health news in the headlines.

Guest speakers: Doug Bailey ODMH and Mike Keefer COVA speaking on Medicaid Buy-In.

Doug passed out ODJFS Fact Sheet; additional copies available in CFAC library.

Medicaid Buy-In is part of Ticket to Work. A study was done that shows people who work use fewer services which helped get Medicaid Buy-In approved. There is no spend down for workers with a disability to receive Medicaid. You do not need to work very much to qualify. There is also a 6 month grace period after you stop working during which you can continue to receive Medicaid Buy-In. You must pay taxes on your income to count your earnings towards Medicaid Buy-in. If you are self employed or a contract employee it is best to pay income taxes quarterly. Franklin County has one of the lowest rates of use of Medicaid Buy-In. BVR is going towards helping the most severely disabled persons to acquire their own business within a business. If you have questions about your benefits you can call COVA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education Comm. – Katie—not here April 4th (full council meeting) will be the last day to order your Mighty Marchers t-shirt for the NAMI Walk that will be June 4th 2011 at Fred Beckman Park.

Partners—Susan—Highlighted some of the activities at Partners. Movie, library and craft museum outings planned; check their calendar for more detail.

The PEER Center—Deidre—Talked about activities at the PEER Center- AGB meeting time and date changed to 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1pm. Many groups and activities available; check their calendar for more details

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm. Andy moved and Ingrid seconded.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, April 4, 2011 FROM 4:30-6:00

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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