

Allegan County Community Mental Health Services Board
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MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 11, 2021
1:00-2:30

Present: Chairman Gale Dugan, members Tom Belco, Alice Kelsey, Jim Storey (@ 1:10pm); and Executive Director Mark Witte.

1. Logo decision was made, preparations underway for conversion from old to new. Will order modest supplies to start.
2. Question as to whether staff has been recommended to receive Covid vaccine. (Yes). Witte advised as to return strategy. Advised state staff will be returning to their offices on July 11 or 12.
3. Witte asked about ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021). Storey advised the process established by Board of Commissioners for appropriating the money. Witte wanted crisis intervention training with law enforcement. Want to do something bold about methamphetamine. Belco suggested crisis intervention training to be funded.
4. New building update: deadline for bid opening was moved from June 7 to June 16 at request of several contractors. Anxiously await opening of contractor bid proposals.
5. Fundraising activities are ongoing, but no specific news.
6. Leadership development (TBD): staff has been through several topics such as how to deal with difficult projects. All staff survey was delivered last week, and returns are in. Results being processed. Witte: goal is that results are used to improve the collective good of the agency.
7. Open Meetings Act does not require posting of notice of Executive Committee. Per Dugan, By-Law and Board policy will go to full committee this Tuesday.
8. Dugan asked Witte to update on Lansing proposals for changing delivery of mental health services. Proposals are loss of local control and oversight, loss of PA 2 dollars to a private entity; all of establishment principals. Future role of the system would be destructive of county control of local delivery. State delivery of services will drive down reimbursables. Belco branded the proposals as a retread of the 298 struggles. Testimony supporting the Whiteford proposal to revamp the local delivery of mental services was offered by the former Executive Director of Allegan County CMH, Marianne Huff and the Ottawa County former director.
9. CMHA conference – June conference is virtual; fall conference will be in person. Board members urged to attend.
10. Executive Director Review Planning: The committee considered revisions to goals based on documented feedback. Language to be revised per discussion and shared with the board.
11. Decision on the \$2.5 million surplus. Not made yet depending on review of contractor bids, furniture, Belco suggested a 5% pay raise. Regional surplus of the five CMH's is \$73 million. Witte cautions that regional prediction may not be realized. Staff reporting to Witte are working on a proposal to expend the money. Witte cautiously optimistic Allegan and Ottawa will receive the CCHBC grant.
12. LRE/State update dispute: long time since the plan of correction has been provided to the state without a response.
13. Executive Director report: will be discussing with county technical services the ability to dually meet in person and through zoom tech; Ascension Allegan interface going well; will be scheduling appointments with each board member; presented My Strength idea that will go the Program Committee for consideration; MACC continuum of care change: county has no objection to directing the money for continuum of care going to the United Way rather than direct support.

Adjourned at 2:38 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Storey, Secretary of the Board