

**MPAS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MAY 16, 2017**

Present: Tom Landry, John McCulloch, Mark Stephenson, Travar Pettway, Jane Shank, Selena Schmidt, Hansen Clarke, Terri Land, Pam Bellamy

Absent: Mark Lezotte, Alethia Brinkerhoff, Kate Wolters, Veda Sharp, Paul Palmer, Doug Olsen

Staff: Elmer Cerano, Michele Brand, Camilia Limas, Mark McWilliams, Michelle Mull, Brian Sabourin, Mark Cody, Mary Olson

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05 am by President, Tom Landry.

II. Introductions

III. Approval of the Agenda

Tom Landry noted that when the Lt. Governor arrives, we will suspend where ever we are at the agenda to present his award.

IV. Minutes of February 23, 2017

The minutes of February 23, 2017 were submitted for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AS SUBMITTED BY Terri Land. SECOND BY John McCulloch. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. President's Report

Tom Landry reported of happenings in the last two months. Landry congratulated staff on the \$75,000 award from Flint, the annual report was very nicely done, and a special recognition to Terri Land for all the work she has done on behalf of the agency the last few months. Landry had a meeting with the managers and Elmer regarding fundraising. Landry recognized Selena Schmidt for her appointment to the Macomb County Community Mental Health Board.

VI. Executive Director and Staff

Elmer Cerano apologized for not having his written board report in, Cerano gave a verbal report. Cerano noted how wonderful the staff has been and kept him informed while he was out.

The federal government approved the Continuing Resolution for 2017. The agency will be okay for fiscal year 2017 and currently unsure about FY 2018. Cerano noted that the agency will be losing a staff attorney in July and that position will be replaced.

Cerano reported on his meeting with MSU regarding autonomous vehicles, driverless cars. Noted that the agency doesn't have the dollars to help out but there may be members on the board who could assist.

Elmer Cerano reported on the 2016 Annual Report and the work that staff have done. The agency is very respected because of the information that gets out there and the work done.

Cerano noted there is a need to keep the computers updated and secured and we need a system to protect all security issues and information.

Mary Olson reported that we are in process of how to implement cyber security and what a small business does with the resources available. Are working in trying to find the balance to secure our system and opportunities to improve the system and maintain it. Travar Pettway asked what is the agency trying to protect is it data, documents, etc. Olson noted we are protecting data and that the agency maintains confidential client information. Mr. Pettway noted some safeguards to protect the system and minimize the risks of attacks. Mary Olson noted the accounting area is only accessed by the finance department.

Mark Cody noted his staff are spending much time on reductions in mental health services, specifically community living support and the staff that come in and assist the consumer. This is critical to keeping someone out of an institution. A number of CMHs have been reducing CLS hours.

Mark Cody, Michelle Mull and Mark McWilliams met with Jeff Patton, Director of Kalamazoo County CMH and staff to discuss guardianship and the overuse of guardians. Mr. Patton suggested MPAS meet with the Probate Judge. The agency met and had a very productive discussion. The hope is to be able to export what has been done in Kalamazoo Co to other counties around the state. They will be working with MPAS to get word out.

Michelle Mull reported that with the help of the legal team, the CAIR team has successfully navigated through a records issue with a nursing facility in Grand Blanc that has received a media attention. The team has been working with legal team on professional licensing sanctions and the ongoing employment of licensed professionals who currently have a license that has been sanctioned such as suspension, probation, etc.

Mull has been working with other managers with the ongoing meetings and providing support with the I&R and intake staff. Training needs have been identified and have some training scheduled.

Elmer noted the CAIR team does remarkable work on identifying abuse and neglect in nursing facilities.

Brian Sabourin reported a letter has been sent to Michigan Rehabilitation Services regarding concerns of trends going on throughout the years such as communication with counselors, etc. Elmer and Brian will be meeting with Director, Sue Howell to discuss the concerns and how we can alleviate some of the problems.

VII. PAIMI Council Report

Selena Schmidt reported for the Council. The Council met and received an update on 298 from Mark McWilliams. The Council discussed if they can get a report on the calls that are coming in and if we are missing something in the community. Selena reported on the surveys which her and her student conducted on their patients. Found that they don't know their basic rights, what is a Person-Centered Plan, who their case manager was, etc. A key thing they find is the need for more support in the community. A formal report will be given to Mark when complete.

Advocacy Award

Mark McWilliams welcomed Lt. Governor Brian Calley, recipient of the Advocacy Award. Lt. Governor signed legislation in 2016 that would eliminate the use of non-emergency restraint and seclusion practices.

Elmer Cerano spoke kind words regarding Lt. Governor. Cerano congratulated Lt. Governor Calley and thanked him for his leadership.

Terri Lynn Land thanked Lt. Governor Calley for his support and all his work and honored to present award to him.

Tom Landry and Terri Land presented Lt. Governor Calley the Advocacy Award. Lt. Governor thanked MPAS board and staff for honoring him.

VIII. Public Comment

Sean Bennett submitted public comment for board review.

IX. Committee Reports

Budget and Finance

Michele Brand gave an update on finances. Brand reported there are a few grants that are slightly over budget. Michele is continuing to work with the managers on what is happening and reporting. With the advocate move to Legal team that should help with overages. The PABSS and CAP grants are the bigger worries.

Cerano noted that FY 2018 and FY 2019 may be an issue for agency.

Hansen Clark questioned that insurance looks higher than projected. Brand noted we pay the insurance all at once, so a timing issue.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIALS AS SUBMITTED BY Terri Lynn Land. SECOND BY John McCulloch. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Public Policy

Terri Land thanked Mark McWilliams and staff for their hard work. Land noted there is a need to get on top of the special education bills with the Lt. Governor.

Land reported that she and Mark McWilliams attended the Disability Policy Seminar in D.C. with other disability organizations.

Mark McWilliams gave an update on the Health Care Acts and on HCBS.

Mark McWilliams and his team have met with legislators regarding autonomous vehicles. The goal is to make sure people with disabilities be included on the project through MSU.

The House and Senate have each passed their 298, there is boilerplate.

Alternative funding

Tom Landry suggested creating an Alternative Funding Committee. When Mark McWilliams, Terri Land and Mark Lezotte were in DC earlier this year, they questioned whether we should have a potential name change to include disability. It would give more focus to what the agency does. Mark Lezotte has reserved two names, Disability Rights Michigan and Michigan Disability Rights Coalition.

Landry noted that we are talking about alternative funding, not fundraising. He would like the board to think about other means of funding.

Tom Landry asked for the board's permission to set up committee in the fall. He would like the committee established so come fall the board can set up the first meeting.

MOTION BY TERRI LAND TO CREATE AN ALTERNATIVE FUNDING COMMITTEE. SECOND BY John McCulloch. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The board will discuss potential name change at September meeting.

X. New Business - None

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 12:04 PM

Minutes prepared by: _____
Camilia Limas, Executive Secretary

Minutes approved by: _____
Terri Lynn Land, Secretary