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## HEALTH PROFESSIONAL RECOVERY COMMITTEE APPROVED MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2010

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) met in regular session on June 21, 2010 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

### CALL TO ORDER

Carl Christensen, MD, PhD, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Carl Christensen, MD, PhD, Chairperson  
Bobbe Kelley, DO, Vice Chairperson  
Dean Bender, MA, DC  
Michael Burke, Public Member  
Mary Dimo, PharmD  
Mary Foley, RN  
Steven Hamick, RRT, AE-C  
Mary O'Connor, MA, MSW, LMSW  
Patricia O'Handley, VMD  
Steve Rolston, NHA  
Christine Walkons, LPC, CAAC  
Joan Westbrook, PA-C

**Members Absent:** Arnold Berkman, PhD  
Nancy Creighton, LMFT  
Mary Kronquist, MM  
Joan Lewis, DDS, MS  
Seymour Rosen, BS, OD

**Staff Present:** Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division  
Susan Bushong, HPRP Contract Administrator/Outreach Coordinator  
Laurie VanBeelen, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division

**Others Present:** Bill Livingston - Program Supervisor, HMSA (HPRP)  
Greg Bozimowski - MANA

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOTION* by O'Handley, seconded by Hamick, to approve the March 15, 2010 minutes as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*MOTION* by Kelley, seconded by Hamick, to approve the agenda as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Education & Outreach**

Bender advised he and Bushong have reviewed the "best practices" manual from Colorado and will be reviewing information from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Bender indicated that the intention of the Subcommittee is to create a document that could be utilized for all professions. More information will be provided at the September meeting.

### **Clinical & Policy**

Christensen welcomed new members, Mary Dimo and Michael Burke, and asked each to introduce themselves.

Christensen advised that he attended a recent meeting of the Michigan Society of Addiction Medicine (MiSAM) to speak to the proposed policy regarding the state's medical marijuana program. He reported that unfortunately he did not receive direction for the Committee from MiSAM. Christensen stated that the information he is providing for the Committee's review is from the statute (MCL 333.26427). Various comments were provided by Committee members and Department staff. Christensen advised that a proposed policy for the Committee's review will be provided at the September meeting.

Christensen directed the Committee to the proposed policy regarding "abstinence based recovery," with a specific reference to Opioids, Benzodiazepines, Sedatives and Stimulants. Discussion amongst the Committee and Department staff was held. The Subcommittee will continue discussions regarding this policy and provide more information at the September meeting. Christensen requested that Committee members review the proposed language and provide him with any comments.

## **Data & Statistics**

Kelley advised that she has reviewed this year's data report. She believes the Subcommittee should create a format for the report that is more user-friendly and should provide the following: 1) shows a comparison of data from year to year; 2) the data should help inform the Committee as to what is working well and what is not; and 3) the data should give the Committee information to assist in determining the future direction of the Committee. Kelley also believes that the statement "saving lives, saving careers" on the front of the annual statistical report should have more information contained in the report to support that statement. She believes there should be a mechanism to track participants years after they are released from the program. Kelley stated that she would like the annual report created in a format that regardless of who the contractor is, the information is provided in a uniform fashion.

The topic of chronically-relapsing licensees was discussed. Bender reminded the Committee that it is the job of each Committee member to communicate the severity of the situation to their respective Board. Ramsdell advised that the Department is reviewing the process by which step 2 failures are being processed. More information on this topic will be provided to the Committee at the September meeting.

## **Review**

Bushong advised that 18 reviews have been received since March. She reported that 14 have been processed and 4 are pending awaiting provider support. Of the 14 reviews processed, 5 were denied as there was no provider support, 1 was accepted after review, and 8 were denied after review. Bushong further advised that 9 individuals were referred for re-admission into the program to facilitate reinstatement.

## **7. CONTRACTOR'S REPORT**

Livingston provided the following statistics regarding the time period of January to March, 2010:

Intakes:	74
New Monitoring Agreements:	83
Total Open Cases:	742

Additionally, Livingston indicated that the most commonly abused substances were narcotics, alcohol, and THC.

Livingston discussed the program's new website, but due to difficulties with the Department's internet connection the site was unavailable for viewing. He reported that the site will be up and running by July 12. Livingston advised that the majority of information (approximately 23,000 pages of documents) will be able to be viewed on-line. He stated that program participants will be required to provide monthly reporting via the web. Livingston reported that there are currently 39 providers and the contractor

will be asking all providers to begin submitting information via the web on July 12. He stated that it is the goal of the provider to have all licensees and providers submitting information via the web no later than this fall.

Livingston advised that the contractor's data base is being updated to a "push system" which he anticipates will alleviate situations of cases "falling through the cracks." He stated that there is also a backup system in place which will alert him if case managers fail to follow up on information that is due. Livingston indicated that it is the contractor's intention to have applicable sections of the data base accessible to licensees and providers in the future.

With regard to participant drug screens, Livingston advised that approximately 20 of the 39 providers have been connected via the web to the CVI (Fortes) lab reports.

Livingston provided a memo to the Committee which is attached as Addendum #1.

## **8. HPRP CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Bushong advised that she recently attended a physicians' conference in Chicago and the National Organization for Alternative Programs conference in Las Vegas. She stated that she gained a better understanding of what other states are doing in the area of monitoring health care providers. Bushong also stated that she would provide the Committee with information pertaining to best practices from the NCSBN and regarding standards for physicians' health programs.

With regard to concerns that have been recently raised regarding Fortes, the lab processing participant urine screens, Bushong advised that Fortes currently holds a CLIA certification and that this certification is recognized thru the Department of Health and Human Services. She stated that it appears that the CLIA certification is sufficient to meet the Committee's policy language (pursuant to #503.01).

## **9. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT/COMMENTS**

None

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of Policy 503.01 – Testing Laboratory Criteria**

This was discussed during the HPRP Contract Administrator's Report.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Maureen McCloud of Resurrection & Health Services provided a synopsis of the program she represents and indicated that literature can be provided to any Committee member wishing to receive a copy. (This program was previously known as the "RUSH" program.) McCloud answered various questions from Committee members.

Greg Bozimowski of the Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists thanked the Committee for the work done on the policy regarding the monitoring of anesthesia healthcare professionals. He requested that the updated annual report be placed on the website. Livingston indicated that Bozimowski could obtain the report from the contractor.

## 13. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

VanBeelen advised the Committee that following today's meeting each member will have the opportunity to obtain a state ID badge which will allow members to bypass security when they attend meetings at the Ottawa Building.


The next HPRC meeting will be held on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan.

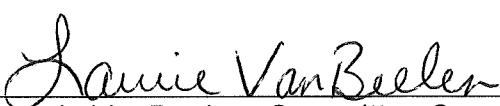
## 14. ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION* by Westbrook, seconded by Hamick, to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

  
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Carl Christensen, MD, PhD, Chairperson

  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Laurie VanBeelen, Committee Secretary

  
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Date Minutes Prepared

## Memo

To: HPRC / Healthcare Professional Recovery Committee

From: William E. Livingston HPRP Director  
Health Management Systems of America

CC: Susan Bushong, Contract Administrator Department of Community Health  
Gary Lalicki Director of Clinical Operations HMSA

Date: 6/21/2010

Re: Terms & Conditions 1.104 (Works & Deliverables)

- Numbers of licensees for this past quarter (attached data report).
- The number of discharges contained in this past quarter (attached data report)
- Data base update: Concept
- New website is going live on July 12, 2010
  - Web Reporting
- The program director has audited six different locations providing HPRP clinical services since the last HPRC meeting (3-15-10). Michael Vanderwalker MSW Jackson MI. 3-25-10. John Wheeldryer, Pine Rest, Kalamazoo MI. 3-25-10. Allegiance Health, Gail Durham, Jackson MI. 3-25-10. Nancy Parsons Mt. Pleasant MI. 3-26-10. Kathy Dylan, Ann Arbor MI. 6-7-10. Dr. Greg Haines Taylor MI. 6-15-10.
- New providers this quarter include, Judith Snow MA LLP CAAC DCFC Serendipity Group Lansing.
- Providers taken off list: Claude Winton Serendipity Group Lansing MI.
- Provider Forum May 20, 2010. "Clinical Continuity of the HPRP Client" Dr. Carl Christiansen, Dr Patrick Gibbons, Kathe Dylan, Joe Merrill, William Livingston. Presenting. Next Provider forum scheduled for July 22, 2010 Mackinaw City MI. (see attached flyer).
- MISAM/HPRP Meeting April 29, 2010. Next Meeting scheduled for July 2010 Brighton Hospital.
- Calls for Outreach: Leigh Freeberg RN BSN CWCP manager Employee Health and wellness Marquette General health Systems "Wellness Fair" May 13<sup>th</sup> 2010.