

**WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY (WCCMH)**  
**WCCMH BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**4135 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48108**  
**Learning Resource Center, Michigan Room**  
**June 21, 2019 9:30am**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Martin, P. Spriggel, C. Collins, N. Graebner, A. Dusbiber (phone),  
C. Richardson, F. Brabec, B. King, K. Scott, R. Jefferson

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Antonow, K. Walker

STAFF PRESENT: T. Cortes, R. Dornbos, S. Amos O'Neal, M. Taylor, H. Linky, K. Bellus, S. Ray,  
L. Gentz, L. Hagle, N. Phelps, A. Ellison, K. Diephuis, S. Erickson, N. Buccalo  
T. Florence

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Moler, A. Moler, M. Forrest, J. Barker, L. Lutomski, K. Homan, M. Kettner,  
G. Dill, B. Pierce, L. Pierson, S. Koski, N. Koski, T. Mc Clatchey,  
B. Waldvogel, C. Waldvogel, L. Katz, M. Granum, J. Osborn, K. Kafafian,  
C. Easley, C. Waskul, C. Lerchen, V. Mates, L. Rentschler, S. Deline,  
B. Visovatti, K. Brewer, K. Grijalva, A. Zirkel, B. Byers

J. Martin called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

I. Introductions

- J. Martin stated that due to the number of attendees at this meeting, he would move right into audience participation and introductions could be made at that time.

II. Audience Participation

- M. Forrest mother of a 39-year-old who is receiving CLS services from WCCMH stated that they are grateful for the CLS staff and the services that they provide for her family.
- B. Pierce, parent of a child that is receiving WCCMH services stated that they have sent a letter to Senator Theis regarding the mental health funding issues and they are waiting for a response. He was concerned about hearing that the WCCMH board had discussed eliminating the CLS
- K. Moler parent that is receiving CLS services stated the benefits of receiving the services while staying in their home and expressed concern over who will take care of her after they are no longer able to do so, if the CLS services are cut out. She reminded the CMH Board of their mission and vision statements.
- L. Pierson requested that the WCCMH Board not cut the CLS services so that her family can continue to receive them.
- S. Koski mentioned that the CLS services are critical to her family and that they must continue. The parents are the voice of the sons/daughters that don't have parents to advocate for them.
- A. Moler stated that he receives CLS services and would not want to lose those services. He mentioned that if he loses CLS services then he won't be able to do the things that he does now.
- J. Barker, parent of sons that live in a group home in Ypsilanti. Their services are just as important as the CLS services that are provided. She stated that more attention should focus on the I/DD population as well as the CLS population when making decisions.
- C. Easley parent of an 18-year-old son who is severely mentally impaired moved to Saline after doing research on the resources. They relocated and left their family supports to pursue better resources for her son. She stated that she is extremely happy with the services that they have received. Her son can take advantage of CLS hours, her husband is out of town multiple days at a time. He used to attack her but has not done that since receiving these services.
- T. Mc Clatchey, mother of 3 disabled children, 21, 18 and 11 with multiple impairments and extremely vulnerable. She is a single mother who is receiving CLS services for her 11-year-old.

She has guardianship of her older 2 sons. She stated that CMH wants to put natural supports on parents which will put a larger strain on the family. Requesting or someone to look at the whole situation before taking services from the children.

- J. Osborne resident of City of Ann Arbor, 31-year-old son with development disabilities lives on his own due to the CLS services that he receives. He is the President of the Board of Directors of Intentional Communities of Washtenaw County. They have 23 I/DD residents in 4 living communities. These are not group homes, they are clusters of residents in separate condos and apartments.
- C. Waldvogel and B. Waldvogel on behalf of their 53-year-old daughter. Lives with them or her sister for 53 years. They moved to Washtenaw County about 2.5 years ago due to its reputation of premier services for handicapped individuals. They receive CLS services for their 53-year-old daughter that lives with her sister but can have her own life due to the CLS services that are provided to their family.
- C. Waskul, parent of a 35-year-old son who benefits from CLS services. They were affected from the CLS cuts back in 2015 and lost a very good staff during that time and it is still taking a toll on the family.
- C. Lerchen, parent of a 39-year-old daughter with disabilities who needs assistance 24 hours a day. Daughter lives on her own with CLS services. Her daughter is employed and is a great example of the positive services that CLS services provide.
- V. Mates, parent of a 11-year-old son that has severe disability. She stated that she is hoping to get CLS services soon. She is a single mother whose husband passed away 5 years ago.
- One member (name not given) stated that people do not understand what it takes to raise children with developmental disabilities. These parents don't get to go out for free time, they go to meetings at the schools, boards, various other committees on behalf of their children.
- K. Homan president of Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy stated that at a meeting last week a member stated in a meeting that CLS services should be eliminated. She requested that services not be cut.
- A. Kronwall sister of an 18-year-old brother who is receiving CLS services. She stated that her parents do everything for him and she requested that the CLS services continue
- K. Grijalva, resident of Washtenaw County for 32 years with a son that was born in 1997 with development disabilities, she stated that they receive CLS and respite services and talked about the different ways that the CLS staff provide for her son.
- R. Kronwall, father of an 18-year-old son. He stated that they provide a lot of support on their own. He requested that CMH not cut funds but increase them. They can't use CLS hours because they can't find staff to provide the support at the low rate of pay that the staff receive.
- Mother (name not given) of a 28-year-old son is heartbroken over the continual decreases in funding that continues to come towards this program and asked that CMH not reduce funding for the CLS services.
- A woman (name not given) that is a guardian and social worker that works with people who don't have families that receive CLS services. CLS staff take clients to medical appointments, money management, grocery shopping or any other places that they need to attend.
- K. Kafafian, mother of a son that is 22 is grateful for the case managers, social workers and stated that they need a reasonable case load to better manage clients. CLS hours allow her to work and allow her son to learn skills that he needs which is key. CLS services are critical for the health and safety for her son and others with developmental disabilities.
- B. Visovatti, parent of 2 sons aged 19 and 20 that are receiving services. It is a constant struggle to provide services to her sons even basic hygiene. Difficult to find staff to provide services for her sons. It is difficult work and very hard to get people to provide the services with the amount of pay that is allocated for the staff.
- B. Byers mother of 2 sons ages 20 and 23 are receiving ABA services. She advocated for 7 years for an insurance law for ABA services. She suggested that we sue the State to get them to reimburse us for the services.

- R. Kronwall stated that he has a son at camp right now and the camp called to say that he has injured people. Unfortunately, his wife is on her way to get her son from camp right now since the camp is calling the police about the incident.
- M. Bloom sent an email to J. Martin, Chair of the WCCMH Board, which he read out loud. M. Bloom stated that she is a former CMH Board member and that her son receives CLS services. She shared her story on her son and her concerns on why CLS services would be in jeopardy.

### III. Board response to audience participation

- J. Martin thanked everyone for coming and sharing their lives, stories and emotions that were shared. He encouraged people to leave their names and contact information. John stated that no decisions have been made. Over the next couple of months, they will be making proposals and decisions regarding the budget. At this point in time there are just discussions occurring regarding the budget deficit and they will continue until they get a decision that is comfortable on the right way to proceed.
- B. King stated that he was very insensitive with his remarks at a recent CMH Board meeting with K. Holman present. He apologized for his remarks and believes that there is a better way to approach this issue surrounding the deficit. He acknowledged being new to the CMH Board, but he is willing to learn more about the services that are provided by CMH and to be better with his remarks.
- F. Brabec thanked everyone for being at the board meeting. She believes that the board are the ones that need to be standing up for the vulnerable. She has been a therapist for 20 years and she believes the reimbursement rate is abysmal. She is grateful that Milliman finally came to gain information regarding our services and what we provide as a County. She acknowledged that we are a part of the class action lawsuit. She also acknowledged that we are suing the State. She stated that she had an Aunt that she lived with and she had a glimpse into the daily struggles. She stated that members of the CMH Board are appointed by the Board of Commissioners based on the method of the current Board of Commissioners Chair.
- Lisa Rentschler, audience member, asked what the percentage of the CMH Board that is have children with special needs.
- C. Richardson stated that she has two children that have mental health disabilities.
- R. Jefferson thanked everyone for coming out and giving their comments. He stated that 5 out of 9 of his grandsons have mental issues that he must care for in his family. He acknowledged the struggle with dealing with behavior and utilizing CLS. He stated he wanted to be a part of the CMH Board to help advocate for our constituents to get the State to pay for mandated services with the appropriate amount of funding. He stated we must find a way to manage better care for our children and grandchildren and to deal with the funding problems.
- P. Spriggel stated that she is proud to be on the CMH Board and she has a mental illness. She believes that this has been a learning process and she identifies and thanks everyone who shared their story today.
- K. Scott thanked everyone for coming to speak today. She stated that her reason to run for the Board of Commissioners was she was passionate about how government should run. She is on the CMH Board as a secondary consumer. Her brother has a mental illness and acknowledged the pressures that her parents go through daily. She acknowledged that no one on the CMH Board wants to take away the services. Its unfortunate that the community that depends on the CLS services is where the State is looking to cut funding. She wants Washtenaw County to continue to be the premier County to receive services.
- Audience member (name not given) asked how the Mental Health Millage funds is being used. Response was that the money is being used for the Mental Health Millage as it is written.
- N. Graebner thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their stories and taking the time to be with us.
- C. Richardson stated that she comes every month because it is important to do the work that they do. She believes this is the worse budget crisis that this has been in all her years while being on the board. She states that the board is trying to think of every way to keep money in

the bank and to be able to pay the direct care workers. She believes that the decisions that the board has done month after month is to keep the services such as CLS.

- T. Cortes thanked everyone for coming out and for advocating for their families. She stated that she has a presentation regarding WCCMH and their funding structure is offering to come out to be able to present that and to answer any questions that might arise.
- J. Martin thanked everyone for their time and courage and message. He requested a brief adjournment.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 11:15am.

Meeting resumed at 11:20am

J. Martin asked if the CMH Board members could stay until 12pm today so that the board can take care of agenda items. Most of the board members were able to stay and there was a quorum.

IV. Consent Agenda Actions

- WCCMH Board Meeting Minutes and Actions-5/17/19 (Attachment #1A)
- WCCMH Budget-Finance Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions-5/13/19 (Attachment #1B)
- WCCMH Program-Quality Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions-5/13/19 (Attachment #1C)
- WCCMH Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions-3/11/19 (Attachment #1D)
- WCCMH Executive Director Authorizations (Attachment #1E)
- WCCMH Consumer Advisory Council Meeting Minutes and Actions-5/8/19 (Attachment #1F)
- WCCMH Board and Board Committee Structure for the term of 4/1/19-3/31/19 (Attachment #1G)

**MOTION BY K. SCOTT, SUPPORTED BY C. RICHARDSON TO APPROVE THE WASHTENAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CONSENT AGENDA DATED JUNE 21, 2019 AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

V. Financial Status Report

- The Financial Status Report was tabled due to time issues and will be discussed at the July 19, 2019 WCCMH Board meeting.

VI. Executive Director Report

- The Executive Director Report was tabled due to time issues.

VII. CMHPSM Regional Update

- May 8, 2019 meeting minutes were reviewed.
- June 12, 2019 Regional update
  - Due to time issues the Regional update was not discussed.

VIII. Old Business

- Millage Update
  - Due to time issues the Millage update was not discussed.

IX. New Business

- WCCMH Financial Audit FY2018.
  - N. Phelps introduced M. Kettner and K. Belknap who will be presenting the WCCMH Financial Audit for FY2018.
  - M. Kettner and K. Belknap presented the WCCMH Financial Audit for FY2018 to the WCCMH Board.

**MOTION BY C. RICHARDSON SUPPORTED BY R. JEFFERSON TO ACCEPT THE WCCMH FINANCIAL AUDIT FOR FY2018.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- WCCMH Compliance Report FY 2018
  - This was tabled due to time issues but will be presented at the July 19, 2019 WCCMH Board meeting.
- I/DD Presentation
  - K. DeWeese, Program Administrator for the Adult I/DD Services presented the I/DD presentation to the board.
  - K. DeWeese thanked all the members of the audience and board for their comments and support.
  - J. Martin thanked K. DeWeese and her team for their hard work.

X. Items for future discussion

- Youth mapping
- ABLE Change
- Housing
- Funding crisis
- WCCMH Financial Status Report
- WCCMH Compliance Report FY 2108

WCCMH BOARD PUBLIC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:05 PM