

The Consumer & Family Advocacy Council

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Meeting Minutes January 7, 2008

Present: CFAC Members (See Sign-in Roster - 18 members in attendance according to the sign-in sheet but this did not match the self identification of Consumer/Family Members and Both Categories. These categories indicated there were 25 in attendance which is a more accurate count.

Staff: Staff: Phil Hedden, Consumer and Family Advocate, Nettie Ferguson, Network Services Manager

December 2007 meeting minutes—Laura. Minutes were approved unanimously. Laura welcomed everyone and introductions were made. New sign-in roster was presented and it was emphasized that people need to not only put what population group they are representing but also what agency they or their family member are / was receiving services from. This was emphasized again because there were several new people in attendance for this meeting. People were also asked how they knew about CFAC and how they were introduced to the group. It was explained again that we are trying to track who is providing feedback to CFAC so we can target under-represented groups in order to get more diverse involvement in the group.

News, Views, Announcements & CFAC Sharing

- Bullying Conference on 1/23 and information regarding the conference was shared. Members who were interested in this conference signed up.
- NAMI article shared regarding tobacco cessation.
- NAMI survey of Presidential candidates regarding Mental Illness.
- Information shared regarding Memorial Service for Homeless deaths in 2007.
- Vanessa volunteered to gather information regarding conferences for 2008 and will share them with the CFAC group. She will develop a calendar for the conferences.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee—CFAC Recruitment Banner has been approved and should be available soon. Giveaways for community events were discussed such as wallets, hats and bags. Executive committee will discuss how monies for the following year will be spent. By-laws will be discussed as far as membership and usage of CFAC monies for members. It was emphasized that members need to attend conferences.

Marketing Committee—Banner has been approved for CFAC and paperwork has been forwarded to MHAFC in the leadership monies pot. Giveaways were discussed to assist in recruitment at community events.

Education Committee—Katie will develop quarterly training events and collaborate with The P.E.E.R. Center.

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P.E.E.R. Center – No Report

Partners – No Report

Collaboration Committee – No Report

CIT Training – No Report

ADAMH Involvement Committee—All ADAMH committees and workgroups currently have CFAC representation and Phil Hedden will ensure members are notified when another committee is developed to be sure consumer or family members are represented.

Sunshine Committee – No Report

Clinical Directors—Laura continues to attend meetings on a regular basis and will provide the group with input.

Liaison Committee—Neal mentioned he would be glad to meet with members individually if they are interested in being on a board as the attendance for this workgroup has not been good. It was mentioned that people should attend their agency board meetings to get an idea of what occurs at the meetings.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 4, 2008 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

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