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CONSUMER AND FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 3, 2004

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**ADAMH Board of Franklin County
447 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**

Present: 20 CFAC Members, Jason Lai, Suzanne Robinson.

Welcome and Introductions: Stefanie D. welcomed all who were present and people went around introducing themselves.

Review of the April 5, 2004 meeting minutes for approval. Sandra W. submitted an addition to the Announcement section of the April minutes. This amended minutes was passed unanimously.

Presentation

- CFAC May 27, 2004 Retreat Agenda Review - Stefanie D. reviewed the agenda for the retreat with the membership. She had announced that in the interest of keeping the planning retreat focus on the goals and objectives for the next 15 to 18 months, CFAC will revisit the CFAC Vision Statement after this planning retreat on May 27, 2004.

- How to contribute to a productive Strategic Planning session - Suzanne Robinson (NAMI Ohio) presented ideas on how to become a productive member of a planning meeting. She presented using a handout from the NAMI Support Group Training Manual. Her ideas were very well received as evidenced by the CFAC loud applause at the end the presentation.

Committee Reports

- Executive Comm. - Stefanie D. reported that the Executive Committee spent its efforts last month working with Jason Lai to prepare for the May 27, 2004 planning retreat. This committee worked on securing an independent facilitator and creating an agenda that will lead to developing goals and objectives for 2004/05.

- Consumer/Family Involvement Comm.-Ron W. attended an ADAMH Stat on Housing presented by Elaine Haines, Director of Housing. Ron reported that Community Housing Network, a contract agency of ADAMH has 821 apartments that are rented to consumers.

- Public Relations/Education Committee - Katie F. was not present but has asked Jason Lai to report to CFAC members that this committee continues to meet monthly.

- Sunshine Committee- Jason Lai reported this committee continues to send out cards to specific CFAC members as requested by its membership. CFAC requested that Dean Kauffman, Ed C., and Burkett family are sent cards.

CFAC Liaison Reports

- Levy Leadership— Ron W. will attend his first meeting with Ellen R on May 5, 2004.
- Cultural Competency – Stefanie D. attended this workgroup meeting and they are currently working on updating the Culture Counts Report and have recently finished translating Client Rights into Spanish and Somalian.
- Human Resources Workgroup—Ann S. reported that this group is currently working posting collective job announcements on behalf of ADAMH funded agencies in the Columbus Dispatch as a cost saving measure.
- Speakers Bureau— Ann S. reported that CFAC members in this Bureau have been out speaking about ADAMH and services provided by its ADAMH’s contract service providers.
- Provider Stat—Stefanie D. reported that this group will begin meeting again with providers this month.

Announcements/Sharing

- Jean D. reported that the Open Shelter will be closed on June 30, 2004. She is working with a group to protest its closing and invited CFAC members to join her.
- Fred M. reported that the NAMI Walks was on May 8, 2004 and invited CFAC members to participate.
- David We. reported that there are many people in Franklin County who needs services beyond what ADAMH’s current budget could support. He illustrated this point with a poster-board chart.
- David We. also encouraged CFAC members to register to vote and encouraged members to consider House Bill 434 – a bill to mandate all schools to adopt a suicide prevention software, which was also endorsed by NAMI.
- Debbie G. brought the attention of CFAC to an article about federal housing cuts and how it would affect consumers.
- Laura T. raised the issue of mental health parity in Ohio.
- Ingrid S. and Jason Lai discussed the NAMI Annual Conference on May 21-22, 2004 and how consumers and family members can get scholarship to the conference.
- Ingrid S. announced PLANCO Annual Meeting and a presentation by Dr. Daniel Weinberger from NIMH.

3 Goals of CFAC	
1.	<i>To provide ADAMH staff feedback from a consumer and family member perspective on staff's work.</i>
2.	<i>To educate the Franklin County communities on mental health and substance issues and on ADAMH network services available.</i>
3.	<i>To improve consumer and family voice within the ADAMH network providers.</i>