

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Forwards Plaza, West Branch, MI
November 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Dale Huggler at 12:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Stuart Bartlett	Rev. Bill Hipwood	Clyde Soucie
Jim Beach	Dean Hipwood	Bob Spencer
Ronald Branda	Dale Huggler	Gerald Wall
Frank Cowger	Jean Kroll	Rose Walsh
Bob Cudney	Dawn Lawrence	Paul Wingate
Donna Dietz	Jack Mahank	
Gerald Fournier	Patricia Maurer	
Kenneth Glasser	Tehea Minke	
Pete Hennard	Joseph Pellens	
Bob Harden	Boyden Olson	
Yvonne Hilderbrand	Richard Simmons	

Excused: Carl Altman, Jim Bricker, and Leonard Page

Absent: Terry Beardslee, and Tamberlynn Gibbs

Quorum present.

Staff Members Present:

Lisa Bolen, John Briggs, Bob Cain, Barb Dault, Karen Godi, Linda McGillis, Diane Price, Laurie Sauer, Lisa Slupecki, John Swise, Michelle Smith and Leslie Scheen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Bob Cudney to approve the agenda as presented. Support by Paul Wingate. All ayes, Motion carried.

Ken Glasser led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Bill Hipwood provided reflections.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Members introduced their guests.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Clyde Soucie to approve the administrative consent agenda items. Support by Yvonne Hilderbrand. All ayes, Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Head Start Policy Council – Yvonne Hilderbrand

Board of Director and Policy Council reports were received. Reviewed and approved the child abuse and neglect policy, mileage form and child reimbursement rate increases. Approved new hires and terminations.

Regional Council on Aging – Rev. Bill Hipwood

Received a report from the Legal Services representative, they are looking for a member who is of Indian ancestry. Dawn Jacobs, LTC Ombudsman resigned her position with the Area Agency on Aging to accept a position as assistant LTC Ombudsman with the State of Michigan. The council received information on the following: a nursing home diversion grant, Blue Cross/Blue Shield bills which have yet to be resolved by the House and Senate, and the Social Security increase of 5.8%.. The council also received a report from the Michigan Senior Advocate Council members Dorothy and Bob Cudney.

Volunteer Program Advisory Groups – Jean Kroll

No meeting, no report.

Client Services Advisory Council – Boyden Olson

The council received detailed funding and service reports for each program operated under the NEMCSA Client Services division.

Personnel Committee – Clyde Soucie

No meeting. No report.

Membership Committee – Frank Cowger

No meeting. No report.

Audit/Finance Committee – Pete Hennard

No meeting. No report.

Program Planning and Evaluation Committee – Rev. Bill Hipwood

No meeting. No report.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Directors Report:

Financial Report – No report.

Program Information Report – Homeless Prevention Programs – Karen Godi

John Briggs stated that the homeless awareness walk was held a week prior and that money was still being collected for anyone interested in donating. Karen Godi stated that the homeless sleep out was taking place in Alpena that evening and that several youth were participating in the activity to increase their awareness of the homeless issues within the area. Karen also stated that the homeless awareness insert was distributed to all board members prior to the meeting. The insert contained many articles about homelessness in Northeast Michigan. Karen introduced Leslie Scheen and Michelle Smith to present information on homeless programs operated by

NEMCSA. Leslie Scheen presented some facts about homelessness in the rural areas including how many are reported, where they live and who they are. She then presented information on the Rural Supportive Housing Program she operates including some success stories. Michelle Smith finished with a review of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance programs as well as the Housing Assistance Recovery Program which both offer housing for homeless youth and families. Michelle also provided some success stories relative to the TBRA and HARP programs.

Next meeting will be held on December 5th at the Alpena Holiday Inn.

Motion by Boyden Olson to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. Supported by Gerald Wall. All ayes, Motion carried.

Date Prepared: November 7, 2008

Date Approved: _____

Board Secretary

Date