



**PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**March 14, 2014 - 8 a.m.**  
**Mental Health Center – Board Room**

**Program and Personnel Committee Chair: Cheryl Natte**  
**Program and Personnel Committee Vice-Chair: Chuck Buzzell**

**AGENDA**

	<b><u>Disposition</u></b>
1) Call to Order	Quorum
2) Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2014 (Previously Forwarded)	Action
3) Items for Consideration	
4) Old Business	
5) New Business	
6) Communication	
A) Gentle Teaching Update	Information
B) March is DD Awareness Month (Attachment #1)	Information
-) FridayFacts of March 7, 2014 (Attachment #2)	Information
7) Director's Comments	
8) Audience Participation	
9) Adjournment	

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## **March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

On March 5, 2014 The Michigan Legislature voted to remove the word "retarded" from all state laws. The Bill was unanimously approved by both House and Senate.

In **1992**, The Arc of the United States formerly changed its name from Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) to The Arc-no longer an acronym. Chapters across the country filed suit, including, The Arc Muskegon. This change was brought on by its members with the label of "mental retardation" wanting to eliminate that word due to its negative connotations and degrading insults.

This movement to eliminate the "r" word has been some **20** years in the making, including the most recent "Spread the Word" campaign highly supported by The Arc. The Arc Muskegon applauds the Michigan Legislature but gives much of the credit to our state chapter, The Arc Michigan and other chapters, members, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their friends and families across the state for driving this long over due change and creating awareness.

For more information on intellectual or developmental disabilities visit  
[www.arcmuskegon.org](http://www.arcmuskegon.org) or [www.arcmichigan.org](http://www.arcmichigan.org)



Michigan Association of  
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March 7, 2014

FRIDAYFACTS - 6 pages

TO: CMH Executive Directors  
Chairpersons and Delegates  
Provider Alliance  
Executive Board

FROM: Michael Vizena, Executive Director  
Alan Bolter, Associate Director

**RE:**

- **FY14 Supplemental Budget Headed to Conference Committee**
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**FY14 Supplemental Budget Headed to Conference Committee**

This week the House passed their version of the supplemental budget (SB 608) on a 65-44 vote. Shortly after the House passage of SB 608 the Senate quickly rejected it sending the bill to a conference committee to settle the differences.

The House's version included the \$25 million additional for CMH non-Medicaid, but funded it slightly different from the Senate. The House proposed \$8 million to go directly into the CMH non-Medicaid line and the remaining \$17 million into a new CMH non-Medicaid contingent reserve fund with accompanying boilerplate that specifies GF resources need to be spent on current services. The House's language is trying to avoid GF spending on new administrative, non-service related costs.

Conferees for both chambers have been named. Senate conferees include Senators Kahn, Moolenaar and Anderson. House conferees include Representatives Haveman, Pscholka, and Tlaib. The conference committee process is expected to be completed next week.

MACMHB encourages members to reach out to their legislators and support passage of SB 608 next week. SB 608 is critically important because it includes an additional \$25 million in CMH GF support, which helps close the gap created by Healthy Michigan.

### **Call for Proposals – MACMHB 2014 Spring Conference**

MACMHB has issued its call for proposals for workshops at its 2014 Annual Spring Conference, scheduled for May 20 & 21, 2014 (Pre-Conference Institutes are May 19, 2014) at the Adoba Hotel in Dearborn.

Conference objectives include:

- To spotlight programs highlighted in the MH and Wellness Commission Report (particularly with partnerships with local CMHs) such as: Community Ventures; Project Search; Project Unify; Pathways to Potential – DHS in neighborhood school settings – include opportunities for young people with disabilities; Smart 911 – individuals/families provide voluntary information regarding home and family circumstances in case of an emergency or crisis situation developing; and training programs for local CMHs/jails/courts regarding Assisted Outpatient Treatment.
- To address the impact of current local, state and federal policy and planning issues related to healthcare reform. Including a focus on local initiatives being used to assist people with enrollment in the Healthcare Exchange and Healthy Michigan programs.
- To provide examples of local pathways to implementing improved healthcare outcomes such as: local initiatives/arrangements between CMHs, PIHPs, provider organizations and physical healthcare providers such as FQHCs/Rural Health Centers/Hospitals/Medicaid health plans/Primary care physicians.
- To identify strategies for overcoming barriers, offering solutions and focusing on the role of supervision for successfully sustaining evidence-based, best and promising practices with new populations in local communities.
- To show how communities have embedded existing evidence-based, best and promising practices into their system for sustainability.
- To have increased understanding of the ways in which continuous quality improvement in evidence-based, best and promising practices can improve outcomes and performance measures.
- To increase participants' awareness, knowledge, and skills, related to mental illness, developmental disability and substance use disorders.
- To focus on trauma informed care for all populations.

Workshop proposal submissions are due by **March 18, 2104** via email to [cward@macmhb.org](mailto:cward@macmhb.org). If you have questions, contact Chris Ward via email or 517-374-6848.

### **MDCH Appoints Director of Health Policy and Innovation**

Nick Lyons, Chief Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) announced Monday the appointment of Elizabeth Hertel as the new Director of Health Policy and Innovation for MDCH. Elizabeth has been with the Department since February of 2013 as Senior Assistant for Policy and Planning.

In her new role, Elizabeth will be responsible for coordinating and developing all state and federal policy issues impacting MDCH programs within the department and with stakeholders. This position will oversee the administration of the Health Planning and Access to Care section, the Health Disparities and Minority Health section, the Health Information Technology section, and the State Innovative Model grant project.

Additionally, Elizabeth will continue providing support for the People Group with the Michigan Departments of Community Health, Human Services, Education, and Civil Rights. The goal of the People Group is to create a productive dialogue between these departments to ensure Michigan children and families are being served in a collaborative, streamlined way.

### **MHAM Announces CEO Search**

The Mental Health Association in Michigan (MHAM) has announced its CEO search to succeed its current President & CEO, Mark Reinstein, who is retiring January 2015. MHAM is the state's oldest non-profit concerned with mental health. The Association, affiliated with Mental Health America and partly supported by local United Ways, primarily engages in policy analysis and regulatory advocacy at the state government level.

This position is full-time, based in Farmington Hills, and begins the fall of 2014 to allow a crossover period with its retiring chief executive.

The successful applicant will lead MHAM's efforts in public policy, fund development, and agency administration. Preferred qualifications are: a graduate degree in mental health or other related field(s); prior work experience demonstrating leadership skills and results in a field related to health or human services; demonstrated effectiveness in setting and achieving goals; previous successful experience in leading and/or contributing to coalitions; and ability to communicate effectively, including social media literacy.

Competitive starting salary and benefits offered. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to [msrmha@aol.com](mailto:msrmha@aol.com) by May 1, 2014. MHAM is an equal opportunity employer.

### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### **'R-word' Legislation Moves in Both Chambers**

The fifteen-bill bipartisan, bicameral legislative package that would remove the words "mentally retarded" and "mental retardation" from all Michigan laws and replaces them with person-first language that is more respectful and inclusive, is making its way through the legislature.

House Bills 5345 – 5352 and Senate Bills 805 – 811 put Michigan in line with all but six other states that have removed the word from their law books. Spearheading the legislation to remove the offending words are Reps. Matt Lori and Phil Cavanagh and Senators Bruce Caswell and Rebekah Warren, who all serve on the Michigan Mental Health and Wellness Commission.

Other bills in the package are sponsored by Representatives Leonard, Cotter, Somerville, Knezek, and Cochran and Senators Ananich, Jones, Jansen, Johnson, and Moolenaar.

Both chambers passed their respective bills with unanimous support this week. The eight House bills and seven Senate bills have been referred to the other chambers' Health Policy committees for consideration.

### **LG Calley Signs Mental Health Diversion Bills**

Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley signed legislation Thursday aimed to divert persons with mental illness into treatment instead of jail time.

SB 0558, sponsored by Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton), focuses on individuals who are at risk of entering the criminal justice system and not receiving mental health services in a county jail. County law enforcement and community mental health service programs would create policies and practices designed to get mental health assistance to those who need it.

SB 0557 is a companion bill that grants funding flexibility for local community mental health service programs to provide mental health services to the in-jail population.

"It is important for communities to come together and create a plan for providing individuals with mental illness the services and treatments they need. The policies and practices created have the potential to yield more effective long-term solutions that are also more cost-effective for taxpayers," Calley said in a statement. "Through treatment, we can help those with mental illness overcome underlying problems, which may reduce recidivism and help them to lead better lives. It's a comprehensive form of smart justice that will make Michigan healthier and safer."

The bills are now Public Acts 28 and 29. The legislation complements the work of the Mental Health Diversion Council, which Calley chairs. He also chairs the Michigan Mental Health and Wellness Commission.

### **FY15 Budget Process**

This week concluded the public portion of the FY15 budget process. On Monday Alan Bolter offered public testimony on the DCH FY15 budget regarding the Association's concerns related to the proposed FY14 General Fund Supplemental and the Governor's proposed FY15 budget related to Healthy Michigan implementation. In addition to the testimony offered by MACMHB, two consumers from Oakland CMHA and two provider organizations attended the hearing and offered testimony.

Both the House and Senate have completed their public hearing process and will begin working internally on their respective budget proposals. The House and Senate subcommittees are expected to release their budget recommendations the last week of March, prior to the legislative spring break recess. Upon returning from spring break the legislature is expected to send all budgets into conference committee and complete the entire FY15 budget by mid-May.

## **NATIONAL UPDATE**

### **Hopkins Summer Leadership Course 2014**

Dr. Ron Manderscheid, CEO of NACBHDD, will again be teaching a county leadership course at Johns Hopkins University this summer (June 19-20, 2014, 8:30 am -12:30 pm), joined by Drs. William Eaton and Philip Leaf. The one-credit course, *Knowledge for Managing County and Local Mental, Substance Use, and Developmental Disability Authorities*, reviews key features of successful management of county and local authorities that oversee and conduct mental health, substance use, and developmental disability services. It also explores environmental factors that impact local operations, as well as facility with key tools to plan and implement services. Two principal environmental factors, i.e., National Health Reform and Medicaid, and two primary tools for management, i.e., strategic planning and needs assessment, are examined in depth. The course emphasizes practical knowledge so managers can apply the information immediately upon returning to their programs. Students are expected to bring practical problems to the course and to leave with useful strategies and tools for solving them. As in the past, Dr. Manderscheid will be seeking federal funding but, at this time, has no assurance that such funding will be available. For more information, go to: <http://www.jhsph.edu/departments/mental-health/prospective-students-andfellows/summer-institute/courses.html>.

### **NTAC for Children's Mental Health Leadership Opportunity**

Jim Wotring, Director of the National Technical Assistance Center for Children's Mental Health at Georgetown University, has announced that the Center is recruiting to fill the position of Director of Mental Health Policy and Planning. In order to find the best possible candidate they are conducting a national search. The application deadline is **April 1, 2014**. The Center will hold interviews during the months of May and June and plan to offer the position to a successful candidate by the middle of July.

Additional details are available at the Center's website at [gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu](http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu).

### **MACMHB Meetings for March, 2014**

(all meetings are at the MACMHB offices unless otherwise indicated)

- March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. - Budget and Finance Committee
- March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - Directors' Forum (Henry Center, MSU Campus)
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - Legislative Committee
- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - Policy Committee
- March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. - Member Services Committee
- March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - Contract and Financial Issues Committee
- March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - Provider Alliance
- March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 p.m. - Children's Issues Committee

**Enjoy the Weekend.**