

## PAIMI Council Meeting Minutes

**Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc.**

**February 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

**MPAS Lansing office**

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### **Attendance**

Council Members Present: Jill Busha, Mark Reinstein

By phone: Selena Schmidt, Kevin Fischer, Marie Jackson, Malkia Newman

Absent: Kelly Riegel-Green

MPAS Staff Present: Michelle Roberts, Mark McWilliams, Kyle Williams, Theresa Diebolt

### **Call to Order:**

A meeting of the PAIMI Advisory Council of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Inc. was called on Tuesday, February 6, 2020 at 11:04 a.m. by Acting Chair Selena Schmidt.

Introductions took place. Selena stated that Doug Olsen had to resign from the Council.

Selena made a motion to move the approval of the Agenda and approval of the minutes up and then proceed with a discussion about appointed of Chair and Vice Chair of the Council. – all approved.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Selena asked for approval of the Agenda. Board members were asked if there were any additions or corrections, and there were none.

**MOTION:** Mark Reinstein moved to approve and accept the Agenda. Jill Busha seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

Unanimous.

Motion carried.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Selena asked for approval of the minutes. Board members were asked if there were any additions or corrections, and there were none.

**MOTION:** Marie Jackson moved to approve and accept the minutes. Mark Reinstein seconded the motion.

A vote was taken.

Unanimous.

Motion carried.

### **Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair**

Selena initiated a discussion regarding the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair and what it will look like going forward. It was asked if officers are appointed or elected among the council.

Michelle stated there is a new project officer at SAMSHA (the Federal branch that provides funding to us for the PAIMI program and also the State of Michigan's PAIMI dollars) and she has been having monthly calls with P&As that she is responsible for and Michigan is one of those. On a recent call, it was discovered that we are out of compliance since our chair was not a primary or secondary consumer. Michelle explained that Doug had resigned and that she had asked Selena to step in as the interim Chair of the Council.

Michelle reviewed the operating procedures for the council and what the required seats are. She also looked at the Federal regulations and stated there are 6 required seats on the PAC and there is not a maximum number who can serve. There must be a Chair and a Vice Chair. She also noted that members serve for 4 years which is considered a term and then they are off the council. If a member wishes to come back, they must have a 2-year break between terms and 3 of our current members are well over their term. That leaves 4 members who are in current terms and of those members a Chair and a Vice Chair have to be appointed and one would have to be appointed to the board and both have to be primary or secondary consumers. Discussion continued.

Selena stated that an application will be created, and the 4 current members will fill it out and at the next meeting a silent vote will be taken. Everyone can apply for a position. She further stated that the council needs to attract and find new members. Since the current members were appointed around the same time, we do not want to end up in this situation again. A description of duties and requirements of the positions will be provided to the members.

Discussion was held on the policy and procedures of the Council.

### **Financial Report – Michelle Roberts**

Michelle Roberts referred to the financial statements provided by Michele Brand who was not able to attend the meeting. Michelle reminded members that the insurance is paid early in the year and asked if anyone had any questions and there were none.

### **Litigation Update**

Kyle Williams, Director of Litigation Strategies, gave an update on the NGRI litigation stating the suit has been filed and they are engaged in separate settlement negotiations. He talked about the children's class action lawsuit regarding kids who are under 21 and their rights to medically necessary services. Kyle also talked about the litigation cases regarding access authority and how they are investigating deaths in private psych institutions or ones that occur shortly after discharge. Discussion continued and it was asked if Kyle could provide a written update for the council and add item to agenda for future meetings for litigation updates.

### **PAIMI Grievance Update**

Theresa Diebolt gave an update on grievances indicating two forms were requested and there were no grievances filed since the last meeting.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Legislative Update**

Mark McWilliams gave an update on legislative issues. He reminded members that all were invited to attend the board meeting and the legislative event on February 25, 2020 at the Capitol.

### **Old Business**

**Membership** – Selena Schmidt and Jill Busha will be stepping down as their terms are up. We need to recruit new members and put it on social media.

**Conferences** – Mental Health America, NAMI and NDRN were a few mentioned that members might be interested in attending.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Future meetings**

Mark your calendars for February 25, 2020 and plan to join us at the Legislative Luncheon. Lunch will be served between 11:15-1:15 and Legislators will be there if you want to meet and converse with them. The board meeting will be after the luncheon.

April 21, 2020

August 18, 2020

November 17, 2020

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.