



PAIMI Council Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
November 17, 2020

Call to Order

Chair Malkia Newman called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Attendance

Present: Malkia Newman, Mark Reinstein, Kevin Fischer, Amanda Absher, Lois Shulman, Marie Jackson

Absent: Davin Hemmila

Staff: Michelle Roberts, Theresa Diebolt, Kyle Williams, Mark McWilliams, Michele Brand

Introductions took place.

Approval of Agenda

Lois Shulman MOVED to approve the Agenda and Kevin Fischer seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Fischer, Absher, Reinstein, Newman, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Amanda Absher MOVED to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 and August 18, 2020 meetings and Lois Shulman seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Fischer, Absher, Reinstein, Newman, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Financial Report – Michele Brand

Michele Brand gave a financial update stating we were about 6% overspent. PAIMI Advisory Council was under budget. Michele is planning to maintain a similar budget for 2021.

Marie Jackson MOVED to receive and file the report and Kevin Fischer seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Fischer, Absher, Reinstein, Newman, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

PAIMI Grievance Update

Theresa Diebolt gave an update on grievances stating there was one form sent out, and no grievances were received since the last meeting. There was further discussion and clarification on grievances and how they relate to the services provided by DRM.

It was asked if we have an elevator speech for DRM. Mark McWilliams suggested to look at our new brochure and our policy card which are good tools especially when visiting legislators.

Public Comment

A person from the public suggested that a high priority of DRM should be the right to refuse drugs or informed consent. Patients need to be protected and need to be involved in the resolution as to whether the prescribed medications are helping them or not.

Legislative update

Mark McWilliams gave an update and stated that DRM is part of a coalition to try to provide premium pay for direct care workers and trying to extend the \$2.00 per hour past the end of December. You can find an article that was published in Crain's Detroit Business on our website. We are working on a couple bills related to death investigations and reporting by private psychiatric hospitals and investigations by the state. Those bills are SB813 and HB5615. Discussion ensued regarding how members can be more involved with policies and bills in the future.

A reminder about the legislative event was given and the date being February 23, 2021. However, due to the pandemic, we are unsure of the agenda at this time.

McWilliams discussed a couple of budget items that DRM supported. One was a \$30 million appropriation for the Michigan reconnect program stating we wanted to ensure young people with disabilities could be included in that program. Another one is a \$7 million appropriation for the early on program. He discussed some other things he is working on and referred to his report for further detail.

Litigation Update

Kyle Williams gave a litigation update stating they recently received a decision from the 6th Circuit Court and explained how that decision will impact some of our clients on a number of issues including expanding homestead rights for people in Michigan. He went on to explain what that means for people with disabilities.

Williams stated they also received a big decision on our right to bring private rights of action under the mental health code in the state. We brought it into federal court. He went to further explain abuse and neglect claims.

Williams went to say that we settled the NGRI lawsuit and went on to explain how that will have an impact on our clients and how we look at those cases in the future.

Williams discussed a few other cases his team is working on.

PAIMI Advisory Council Program Performance Report (ACR)

PPR – Michelle explained what the report is and why we must fill it out and went through the sections of the PAIMI portion of the report. Members asked questions and discussed the answers, so everyone had an understanding of the report. It was asked that members review the document in its entirety and submit their comments by December 1, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. and will reconvene on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Amanda Absher MOVED to adjourn the meeting until December 9th and Lois Shulman seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Absher, Newman
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

December 9, 2020 – continued from November 17, 2020

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

Present: Malkia, Newman, Lois Shulman, Amanda Absher, Kevin Fischer, Mark Reinstein, Marie Jackson

Staff: Michelle Roberts, Theresa Diebolt

Old Business

Council membership was discussed.

Conferences - members were reminded to keep track of any conferences and/or trainings they attended throughout the year as that gets reported on the PPR.

New Business

Revised PAC Operating Procedures – Michelle went through the document and stated what was required per federal regulations.

Malkia Newman asked for a motion to adopt the language for Chair and Vice Chair.

Kevin Fischer MOVED to adopt the language for Chair and Vice Chair and Mark Reinstein seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Fischer, Absher, Reinstein, Newman, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding guidelines for operation and Michelle stated DRM is not subject to the Open Meetings Act, however, we choose to have open meetings and she wanted to clarify that for members. The council agreed with the following statements under Guidelines for Operation in the Operating Procedures:

1. PAC members may attend the DRM board meetings in a non-voting capacity with the exception that the PAC Chair is a voting member of the DRM Board of Directors.

8. DRM elects to hold open meetings of the PAC to promote transparency, however, PAC meetings are not subject to the Open Meetings Act (Fed. Reg.: 5 U.S. Code § 552b. State:1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 through 15.275). Meetings will be open unless specific action is taken to move to Executive Session.

Mark Reinstein MOVED to accept the above language in the PAC Operating Procedures and Kevin Fischer seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Shulman, Fischer, Absher, Reinstein, Newman, Jackson

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

The council members agreed to discuss items 2, 3 and 4 at the next meeting on February 2, 2021.

Next meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm.