

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

ACTION REQUEST

April 16, 2009

Subject: University of Michigan Health System (UMHS)
Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO)
Appointment/Re-appointments to the WCHO Board of Directors

Action
Requested: Approval

Background:

The WCHO is a governmental organization created by the University of Michigan Board of Regents and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners under the Urban Cooperation Act to provide integrated health care to Medicaid and indigent consumers in Washtenaw County. The Regents and the County Commissioners are each responsible for appointing six members to the WCHO Board of Directors.

The WCHO strives to contribute to all of the Health System's goals and objectives and to be a resource for education and research to all schools within the University. The WCHO rotation is a critical part of the training that psychiatric residents receive during their third year. The third year medical student rotation continues to receive the highest rating of all of the psychiatry rotations. Family practice residents rotate through one of the integrated healthcare sites and child psychiatry fellows are placed in both the integrated healthcare sites and at the public community mental health center funded by the WCHO. Students from the Schools of Social Work and Nursing also receive field training at the mental health center.

The WCHO has developed new models of integrated healthcare which serve as a national model of integrated healthcare. The WCHO has worked with six safety net providers in Washtenaw County to implement integrated healthcare, and in collaboration with MDCH, has established a State-wide Learning Collaborative to foster the development of integrated healthcare sites in other communities in Michigan. Working with the National Council for Community Behavioral Health (National Council), the WCHO hosted a "National Integrated Health Evaluators Meeting" in November, 2008, designed to identify standards and tools to measure implementation and outcomes of integrated healthcare. Subsequently, the WCHO and the National Council have organized a national Learning Collaborative to assist agencies in developing integrated health programs nationwide. The WCHO's electronic medical record has received state and national recognition. This electronic medical record has been implemented in CMH agencies throughout Michigan. Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) models of care have been implemented in a cost-effective manner. Within the state, the WCHO is providing training and leadership in assisting other CMH agencies in implementing the McFarlane Family Psychoeducation Groups. Psychotropic medication guidelines for the treatment of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder and major depressive disorder, severe, have been implemented in the regional CMH provider group.

Proposed appointment to WCHO for the Term: April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2012:

Ms. Martha Bloom is a strong advocate for housing and services for individuals with disabilities. In 1990, she co-founded the Ann Arbor site of the Local Initiatives Support Organization, an organization that pools national funding with matching local funds to support the development of affordable housing in Washtenaw County. She has been a member of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation since 1997, and now serves as its Vice-President. As a member of the Foundation, she has been involved in initiatives such as the Blueprint to End Homelessness (Co-Chair of the Integrated Funding workgroup) and the Community collaborative of Washtenaw County (Co-Chair of the Funders Forum). She also served on the Continuum of Care Board, comprised of County Department heads, local funders, local non-profits

serving the homeless, non-profit housing developers and consumers. This Board reviews local applications to HUD for homelessness prevention funds. She served as its Chair for two years. For the past three years, Ms. Bloom has worked with other parents of developmentally disabled children to create a new supported housing option, Intentional Communities of Washtenaw (ICW). The mission of ICW is to promote housing communities of choice for developmentally disabled adults, in order to reduce isolation and develop skills for independence in a community setting.

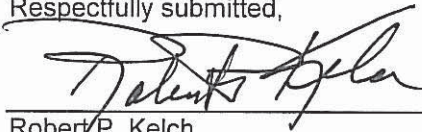
Proposed re-appointments to WCHO for the Term: April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2012:

Ms. Diane Davidson has been a member of the WCHO Board since it was formed in 2000. Until 2008, she was actively involved in the Ann Arbor community as the Executive Director and subsequently, as the Director of Development for the Washtenaw Housing Alliance. She is a secondary consumer, the parent of a child with mental illness, and a passionate supporter of consumer engagement and recovery. She is currently serving as the Chair of the WCHO Board, after having served as Secretary and Vice-Chair previously.

Ms. Cassandra McCallister is a consumer member of the Board. As a primary consumer of both mental and physical health services, she is an eloquent and compelling proponent and advocate of integrated health care.

I recommend that the Regents approve the appointments/reappointments of the above named individuals to the Board of Directors of the Washtenaw Community Health Organization for the term April 1, 2009 -March 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,



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