

April 21, 2006

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: University of Michigan Health System (UMHS)
Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO)
Appointment and Re-appointment 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 to all schools within the University. There is a strong commitment to obtaining funding for research projects. Psychiatric residents and allied health professionals are very positive about the field training they receive in the different WCHO programs. The WCHO training of medical students has been the highest rated rotation in mental health. Evidence based, best practice models of care are being implemented in a cost-effective manner. The project is a major effort to improve health care to the public patients in our local community and to be a model for similar programs in the State of Michigan and nationally. WCHO's programs have received state and national recognition during the past year. Within the state, staff from the WCHO are providing training and leadership in assisting other CMH agencies in implementing the McFarland evidenced based model of care. Nationally, a manual for implementing behavioral health services in primary care clinics is being published by the National Behavioral Health Association. A number of other states are looking at purchasing the WCHO's electronic medical record.

Proposed new appointment to WCHO Board:

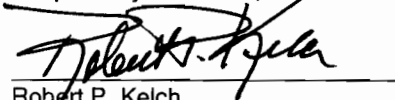
Cassandra McCallister is a primary consumer of services of the WCHO and the University of Michigan Health System. She has an Associate Degree in Psychology from Mountain State University, Beckley, West Virginia. She has worked in residential programs and is now providing volunteer services to other consumers. Ms. McCallister has made significant strides in her recovery and demonstrated the ability to serve on the Board. Term: April 1, 2006-March 31, 2009.

Proposed re-appointment to WCHO Board:

Ms. Diane Davidson has a son who is a consumer of services. She has served on the WCHO Board since 2000 and has been one of its leaders. Presently she is vice-chair. Ms. Davidson is currently the Director of Development/Finance for the Washtenaw Housing Alliance. She also serves on the Boards of several community agencies and as a consultant to Washtenaw County. Term: April 1, 2006-March 31, 2009.

I recommend that the Regents approve the appointment and re-appointment of the above named individuals to the Board of Directors of the Washtenaw Community Health Organization.

Respectfully submitted,



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Executive Vice President
for Medical Affairs

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