

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

April 19, 2007

Subject: University of Michigan Health System (UMHS)  
Washtenaw Community Health Organization (WCHO)  
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 to all schools within the University. There is a strong commitment to obtaining funding for research projects. Psychiatric residents, medical students 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 practice models of care have been implemented in a cost-effective manner. Staff from the WCHO have major responsibility in training staff from community mental health agencies across the state in the Multifamily Group Intervention, an EBP. The National Council for Behavioral Health utilizes faculty and staff to consult with community mental health agencies throughout the county on integrated health care. A national conference on integrated health care is being planned by the WCHO for June, 2007. 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.

Proposed re-appointment to WCHO Board:

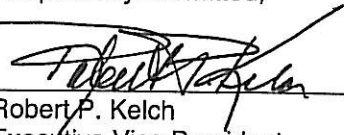
Mr. Gene Brown has served three years on the WCHO Board. Mr. Brown had a long respected career in the substance abuse field. He has used this expertise and relationship to assist in the implementation of Co-occurring treatment, an EBP for those with substance abuse and mental health problems. His leadership on the Board is well respected.  
Term: April 1, 2007-March 31, 2010.

Proposed re-appointment to WCHO:

Mr. Michael Dabbs is the President of the Brain Injury Association of Michigan. He has served seven years on the WCHO Board. He has served as chair of the Board and currently he is the chair of the Regional Committee. His leadership to the Board has been very important to the development of the WCHO.  
Term: April 1, 2007-March 31, 2010.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Robert P. Kelch  
Executive Vice President  
for Medical Affairs

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