

Member Services Committee Meeting, April 16, 2020, 9:30am

Consideration of creation of a Peer Support Award (enc) – Wil Morris

Per group's request – Copies of all Award Nomination Forms have been provided to review whether a new award is needed.

Wil reviewed the criteria for each of the awards then opened the floor for discussion of whether a new Peer Support Award was needed. Nena felt that there were already two awards that Peer Support could be nominated for. Many in the group agreed. Clint suggested that the group dig deeper to review what these awards focus on. He spoke about the Hal Madden award and the significance of that award. Clint stated that the group needs to look at how we can enhance and support the members of our system.

Wil stated that an in-person discussion of each of the awards could take place in the future. Wil asked if anyone wanted to continue discussion of creation of a Peer Support Award. Jan stated that he agreed with Clint and suggested that a small committee could be formed to distinguish the differences in the current awards. Clint stated that he would be willing to write a paper and speak with Bob Sheehan on this to create suggestions to bring to the group. Linda felt that this would take up valuable time of the CMHA staff and suggested to wait until in-person meetings are resumed. Linda stated that she may agree with what Clint is saying, but it should be put off till later. Wil stated that moving forward, this group needs to make sure that these awards are continuing to highlight system wide efforts. Ken Ratzlaff stated that he felt that there should be an award created to recognize Peer Supports for their efforts.

Group agreed to table this until in-person meetings are resumed at the CMHA Office.

Other (from March 2020 parking lot)

Deadlines/Cancellations of meetings, trainings, conferences – Bob Sheehan INFORMATIONAL

Bob stated that the Spring Conference scheduled for June 9-10 will likely be rescheduled to early August. He stated that Chris Ward has identified 2 dates in early August – First choice would be August 17-19, 2020; Second Choice would be August 3-5, 2020. Bob went on to state that Chris is negotiating with the Grand Traverse Resort and should know something next week. Linda Busch stated that August 4th is the Michigan Primary election. Bob will let Chris know that.

Bob stated that not only MDHHS trainings were being cancelled, CMHA trainings are being cancelled as well. Group wondered if CMHA staff were going to be furloughed. Bob stated no, the dues cover core staff, and the Meeting Planners are working with the State to coordinate virtual trainings. Bob reported that CMHA has applied for a Paycheck Protection Program, for \$180,000 that would cover payroll for 2 ½ months. If trainings do not continue to take place, the possibility of furlough may become necessary.

Parking Lot Items

Any topics that the group would like to add to future agendas can be placed here.

Peer Support Award – to be discussed at next in-person meeting.

The next meeting of the Member Services Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020, 9:30am, at the CMHA Office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07am.