

# Persons Points of View

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Customer Services

**Next Monthly  
Consumer  
Meeting  
July 21, 2005**

**11:00 am**

**6th Floor Auditorium**

**D-WCCMHA  
640 Temple  
Detroit, MI 48201**

## Did You Know That ?

Through Medicare and Medicaid programs alone, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services spends nearly \$24 billion nationally each year on beneficiaries' mental health care.

## What You Think About A New Executive Director **Board Gets Consumer Input**

"We want to hear from Consumers about the characteristics an Agency Executive Director should have," announced D-WCCMHA Board Member Constance Rowley at the June 16 Monthly Consumer Meeting. Ms. Rowley, Chairperson of the Agency Search



**More than one hundred individuals attended the June meeting to express their views to the Board.**

Committee and members of the Committee listened to Consumers for

more than one hour as they discussed what attributes a new Executive Director should have.

## *Meeting Facilitator with Members of the Board Search Committee June 16, 2005 Monthly Consumer Meeting*



**L to R : John Sullivan, Eric Campbell, Meeting Facilitator Valentine S., Search Committee Chairperson Constance Rowley, Dorothy Doyle, Frank Ross, and Cindy Dingell.**

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## Agency Outreach

### Police Trainings Help Consumers



#### Notable Attendees at a Recent Police Jail Diversion Training

L to R: D-WCCMHA Board Member Dorothy Doyle, Director of Planning Grants & Community Programs Janifer Binion, Consumer Advocate Linda P., Inspector Duane McKissic of the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy and Police Liaison of Northeast Guidance Center Larry Kozyra.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency (D-WCCMHA) funds special police trainings in Wayne County. Named **CAPPA** for **Community And Police Partnership Advocacy**, the program shows city and suburban police officers how to successfully resolve potentially troublesome encounters involving the mentally ill on the street. The program further details successful jail diversion strategies. —And provides up-to-date information on how officers can access community resources. More than 400 officers have successfully completed the program. Northeast Guidance Center directs the CAPPA trainings.

### Consumers Speak Up At Regional Town Meetings



Transitional Executive Director Dr. Richard Visingardi (above) conducts a recent Town Hall Meeting. Consumers and the general public express their ideas on how to improve the quality of care and quality of life of persons with mental health impairments and with developmental disabilities. Ten Regional Town Meetings have been scheduled throughout Wayne County to make it easier for individuals to attend.