

MCINTOSH TRAIL MENTAL HEALTH/
COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD

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SUBJECT: CONSUMER USE OF OTHERS REGARDING
CARE DECISIONS

EFFECTIVE
DATE: 04-04-11 (replaces 02-05-10)

APPROVED BY:

Executive Director

Reviewed (no changes): _____

POLICY

It is the policy of McIntosh Trail CSB to encourage and support the use of the consumer's family, significant other and/or surrogate decision maker to facilitate appropriate care decisions.

In the case of an unemancipated minor, the family or guardian is legally responsible for approval/consent to the care prescribed. An adolescent with a drug diagnosis has legal responsibility for his/her own consent decisions.

In the event a consumer is incapable of understanding a proposed treatment or procedure or is unable to communicate his/her wishes regarding care, the family, guardian or surrogate designates the individual who is the representative decision maker.

Conflicts in care decisions will be discussed and resolved by the appropriate Center Director in consultation with the consumer, family, and/or advocate.