

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)

April 18, 2013

Call to Order. Chair Flanagan called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:01 P.M. in Rooms N1 & N2, fifth floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Tim Perry, Linda Scott-Hoag, Julie Lenzendorf, Lance Horozewski, Cmdr. Erik Chellevoid, Kate Flanagan, Denny Luster, Tom Gubbin, Neil Deupree, Kim Kempken (for Kristi Hayden), Dr. Marko Pease, and Brian Gies.

Committee Members Absent: Dannie Evans, Laura Binkley, Faith Mattison, Judge James Daley, Greg Ammon, Sheila Deforest, and Deputy Chief John Olsen.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Council; Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator; Rebecca Rudolph, HSD AODA Coordinator.

Others Present: Dr. Howard Paul; Supervisor Steve Howland; County Clerk Lori Stottler; Jodi Space, BACHC; and Tami, Dean/St. Mary's Social Worker.

Approval of the Agenda. Dr. Pease moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Lenzendorf. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes of March 21, 2013. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Deupree. ADOPTED.

Chair Flanagan asked that everyone introduce themselves due to several new people in attendance at the meeting. Chair Flanagan also announced that Dr. Pease was leaving BACHC and his new colleague, Jodi Space, would likely be replacing him on the BHRSC.

Report on Phone Conference with Zia Partners and Discussion about Site Visit Details. Chair Flanagan said there was a phone conference with Zia on April 15th to finalize the schedule for the Zia Partners visit on May 7th. She went over the schedule with the group.

Data Group Phone Conference Report. Chair Flanagan said the data workgroup had a phone conference since the last BHRSC. Commander Chellevoid said his staff went over all the names on the 2012 booking list and determined 270 inmates to be high utilizers in his system. That information was sent to Jim Zahniser and the rest of the data group. He added that his people were still in the process of further breaking down the list of 270 to obtain more specific information. Chair Flanagan said the goal is to look at high utilizers in the jail, identify the individuals and use them for a systems mapping process to inform the bigger picture. The information from the jail is being sent to mental health and AODA providers to see where there is overlap.

Update on HSD Consumer Forum and Grassroots Empowerment Project. Chair Flanagan said there were 11 people who attended the meeting she held for consumers in March. She said she asked them if they would keep working on this and they agreed to work with the Grassroots Empowerment Project. Chair Flanagan said the Grassroots Empowerment Project group will be training consumers and holding monthly groups to obtain the consumer perspective. She anticipates these groups starting in July.

Discussion and Action on Letter to Mental Health Task Force. Chair Flanagan said the Speaker's Taskforce on Mental Health has to have recommendations by May 31st. She asked if the BHRSC was interested in submitting a letter from the group. Vice Chair Deupree said he has spoken with Rep. Kolste, who is on the Taskforce, and she is interested in feedback from the BHRSC. Chair Flanagan asked, if the group would move forward on a letter, what are its key elements.

Supervisor Grahn made a motion to draft and send a letter to the Speaker's Taskforce on Mental Health. Second by Dr. Pease. Ms. Flanagan asked for discussion on the content of the letter.

Dr. Pease said there is a problem getting people from where they are to where they need to be, including police involvement. Chair Flanagan said there needs to be development of resources related to access to care for people at risk for criminal justice system involvement. Commander Chellevoid said there needs to be funding for CIT and CIP training. Chair Flanagan said the letter should capture the points related to this group. She recommended the focus be on what the BHRSC is working on: access and quality services for those with the most complex needs, systems improvement and resource development, resource allocation for law enforcement training, diversion and psychiatric prescribers, and anything the state can do to increase prescriber time.

Ms. Kempken said mental health is taxing hospital systems. Ms. Flanagan added that there needs to be adequate resources for co-occurring individuals that allow that the holding place be shifted from law enforcement and hospitals to where they can receive appropriate care. Vice Chair Deupree asked if there is something in the state statutes that need to be changed. Ms. Lenzendorf said at Rock Valley, people get out of prison with a maximum of two weeks of medications, no prescription, and no appointments scheduled for out of institution care. Ms. Kemken asked if telehealth is an option. Dr. Pease said he/BACHC has the ability to do telehealth but are so booked up, can't add it to his schedule. Ms. Flanagan said there also seems to be a push for regionalization of mental health services and asked if anyone had thoughts on that. Ms. Scott-Hoag said she worries about access to care if services are regionalized. Commander Chellevoid added he thinks it would be too costly to regionalize. Mr. Perry and Mr. Luster said they are not in favor of regionalization; it's something more useful for rural counties. Mr. Horozewski said the taskforce should work on removing barriers to information sharing. Ms. Flanagan offered to write the letter based off the discussion the group just had. Vice Chair Deupree asked Ms. Flanagan to send it to the group after she completed a draft of it for feedback. Chair Flanagan asked for a vote. **The group approved the letter unanimously.**

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Time and Date for Future Meetings. The next BHRSC meeting with Zia Partners will be Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the 2nd floor Courthouse Conference Center at 8:00 a.m. The next regular meeting of the BHRSC will be Thursday, May 16, 2013, at Noon in Rooms N1 & N2, Fifth Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
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Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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