



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Notes – February 18, 2021**

Call to Order. There was no quorum present at 12:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Greg Winkler, Lindsay Stevens, Patty Slatter, Supervisor Rick Richards, Supervisor Louis Peer, Tricia Murray, Laura Neece, Linda Scott-Hoag, Dr. Robbins, Tim Perry, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Deputy Chief Terry Sheridan (alt. to Deputy Chief John Olsen).

Committee Members Absent: Tami Ellis, Billy Bob Grahn, Tera O'Connor, Samantha Palan, Ian Hedges, Kate Luster, Kelsey Cordova, Cmdr. Erik Chellevoid, and Don Knight.

Staff Members Present: Becky Huber, Coordinator of Prevention and Community Engagement, HSD; Brenda Endthoff, HSD; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager.

Others Present: Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner, JPD.

Mr. Winkler agreed to facilitate the discussion.

Discussion about ongoing COVID impact on behavioral health services, including status of vaccinations for behavioral health providers. Mr. Winkler asked how things are going for providers. Ms. Rose-Barajas said they are doing more in-person at the provider's discretion and that Day Treatment is back in person. Mr. Perry said Crossroads is the same as Mercy. He said he doesn't do telehealth himself. He said 80% of treatment is fact-to-face and he misses the collaboration with everyone in the office. Ms. Neece said it was the same at Beloit Counseling Care. They are doing a blend of in-person and telehealth. She said a majority of staff have received the vaccine. Ms. Murray said DOC is working from home mostly but rotate in the office. Dr. Robbins said the county is still doing mostly telehealth and he will be interested in how telehealth is continued as a part of care in the future. Ms. Stevens said the NAMI groups are still via Zoom. They have three CIP trainings coming up in person. Deputy Chief Kleisner said 80% of JPD is vaccinated and they use N95 masks when dealing with the public.

Discussion about the mental health of clients/citizens and suicide/ODs. Mr. Winkler said 911 have had an increase in mental health calls. He discussed a press release to remind citizens about crisis and other mental health services. He asked for other things to put in the press release. Ms. Slatter said there is a Crisis text line. Ms. Scott-Hoag said the release should contain what services are provided for all community providers, as well as county services. Ms. Stevens asked that NAMI support groups be included.

Discussion about press release to increase public awareness about access to services. Was discussed with the agenda item above.

Updates on Groups Associated with BHRSC.

Behavioral Health Providers. Ms. Endthoff said this group continues to meet and talks about resources, what's going well/not going well; Act 262, and other agency updates.

Prevention. Ms. Huber said the Heroin Taskforce is regrouping and looking at data. They hope to have Rock for Recovery in October. There is QPR training in Edgerton and Milton. There is a prevention networking working on a county-wide message on THC.

Consumer Voice. None.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes. Ms. Neece said still providing services through a pandemic and during bad weather has been a success. Ms. Scott-Hoag shared a story about an unknown person they reconnected with their family.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: May 20, 2021, 12:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Adjourned by acclamation at 12:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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