



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)  
Minutes – February 15, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Chair Hedges 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 Louis Peer, Chair Ian Hedges, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Emily Pelz, Tricia Murray, Neil Deupree, Judge Alan Bates, Commander Troy Knudson, Linda Scott-Hoag, Lance Horozewski, Kate Luster, Vice Chair Greg Winkler, Samantha Palan, Tim Perry and Dr. Ken Robbins.

**Committee Members Absent:** Linda Garrett, Patty Slatter, Laura Neece, Verlene Orr, Tami Lalor and Lindsay Stevens.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; and Bette Trimble, Crisis Supervisor.

**Others Present:** Lynda Owens; Diane Hadsell, WREP/NAMI; Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health; Billy Bob Grahn; and Steve Pfungsten, NAMI.

**Approval of Agenda.** Mr. Deupree moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Scott-Hoag. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2018.** Mr. Deupree said the spelling needs to be corrected for the word acclamation. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the corrected minutes, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

**Election of Chair and Vice Chair.** Chair Hedges turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Winkler who opened the floor for nominations of Chair of the BHRSC. Mr. Hedges nominated Ms. Luster, second by Judge Bates. Ms. Luster accepted the nomination. Vice Chair Winkler asked for other nominations. Hearing none, Mr. Deupree moved to close the nominations and Vice Chair Winkler asked for a vote on Ms. Luster's nomination. Ms. Luster was unanimously voted Chair of the BHRSC.

Chair Luster opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair of the BHRSC. Mr. Winkler nominated Mr. Hedges, second by Ms. Scott-Hoag. Mr. Hedges accepted the nomination. Chair Luster asked for other nominations. Hearing none, Mr. Deupree moved to close the nominations and Chair Luster asked for a vote on Mr. Hedges' nomination. Mr. Hedges was unanimously voted Vice Chair of the BHRSC.

**Approval of BHRSC Letter of Support for SAMHSA Diversion Grant.** Chair Luster said they had anticipated applying for this grant but found they cannot meet the deadline. They will look for similar opportunities in the future.

**Discussion regarding BHRSC Workgroup Structure and Committee Priorities.** Chair Luster said we are continuing our discussion from last month on the future direction of the BHRSC and its workgroups. Chair Luster provided a handout on the history of the BHRSC and the proposed

new structure to maximize the impact of the committee. The committee reviewed the handout. Most of the BHRSC workgroups have a function outside of BHRSC so they will continue with their mission. Chair Luster asked the committee to identify some critical issues that we can focus our attention on. Some of the critical issues that were identified are:

- Services for alternatives to hospitalization (diversion)
- Transportation between Janesville and Beloit for services
- Continuum of Care for Substance abuse (identify gaps/possible social mapping of overdose deaths)
- Residential treatment centers
- Possible expansion of peer specialists at the Jail ( Peer specialists are currently only working with the DROP program but there are jail inmates detoxing that are slipping through the cracks and need help. In the near future risk assessments will identify needs and provide informational resource)
- Access to Care (possible group delivered services and parent client engagement in schools)
- Housing for complex needs individuals

Chair Luster said she will send out a Survey Monkey to the committee to rate/prioritize these issues and provide feedback. She will bring the feedback to our March meeting.

**Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals.** None.

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Ms. Pohlman McQuillen emailed information to the committee on the #EveryParentExpo being held at Blackhawk Technical College on March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. The event is free. Please contact JM4C for additional information.

Ms. Luster announced that Ms. Pohlman McQuillen is celebrating her ten-year work anniversary with the County. The committee congratulated and thanked Ms. Pohlman McQuillen.

**Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 15, 2018, 12:00 P.M., N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Courthouse East.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 12:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
HR Secretary

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