



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes - June 18, 2020**

Call to Order. There was no quorum at 12:05 P.M.

Attendees: Supervisor Louis Peer, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Tim Perry, Linda Scott Hoag, Kate Luster, Kelsey Cordova, Greg Winkler, Judge Michael Haakenson, Patty Slatter, Laura Neece, Jim Neitzel, Dr. Ken Robbins, Lindsay Stevens, Samantha Palan and Michelle Rose-Barajas.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager.

Others Present: Melanie Swanson, Compass; Deb Kolste.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Luster said they are still looking for Vice Chair volunteers. This agenda item will be placed on our next agenda as there is no quorum today.

Chair Luster reminded everyone that we currently have several vacancies on the committee.

Updates and Possible Action.

Revised BHRSC Bylaws. There will be no action today, as no quorum present. We will review at our next meeting.

Resolution on Updating Titles and Roles of Representatives on Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee. No quorum present. Will review at next meeting.

Updates on Groups Associated with BHRSC.

Behavioral Health Providers. Mr. Winkler said they met two days ago. They are discussing what agencies have been doing during COVID. Most everything is Telehealth except residential treatment. They have found fewer no shows with Telehealth. The younger generation seems to like Telehealth better. They have seen increased Crisis services due to COVID. They would like to continue Telehealth in to the future post COVID but there may be some insurance challenges. More information will be known about the continuation of Telehealth in coming months.

Prevention. Chair Luster said they created a position as part of the 2020 Human Services budget. This position will take a more strategic prevention role. This position has been delayed due to COVID. Interviews are scheduled for the first week in July. Chair Luster said she continues to look at opportunities to prevent and reinvest in the community.

Consumer Voice. Ms. Stevens said things had been quiet at the beginning of the pandemic. They have now initiated support groups twice per month via Zoom. She's not sure how things will work in the future.

Family Recovery Court. Judge Haakenson said participants have been appearing by Zoom. A parenting group started last week. They also had an administrative meeting last week. They identified a delay in treatment and are addressing this issue.

Chair Luster said State DHS is piloting a Wisconsin Hub and Spoke model. They will be choosing three pilot sites. There was an informational webinar last week about how they are designing the pilot. One barrier identified is in order to be a hub a provider has to be able to prescribe methadone. This could exclude a lot of potential hubs. This barrier is being taken into consideration.

There is an effort at the state level to clean up Wisconsin Act 262 with possible new legislation. More information coming soon.

They continue to have conversations about the structure of the regionalized crisis services. More information coming soon.

Mr. Winkler announced Harper's Place in conjunction with Rock County is expanding to include detox and AODA services. They are in the planning stages now.

Discussion Regarding COVID-19 Related Behavioral Health Needs in the Community. Chair Luster said they are looking at long term community needs due to the pandemic causing ongoing anxiety and trauma. NAMI is working on a helpline. Ms. Slatter said DHS sent her a toolbox list of items/ideas on how to get through COVID. Mercy lost crisis beds due to COVID single occupancy rules. They are now down to six single occupancy beds. Human Services received SAMHSA money to use toward COVID related community mental health services. They will use this money for peer support and sober living.

Discussion Regarding Racial Equity in Behavioral Health. Chair Luster had sent out an email to the committee with resource information. There is a disparity in access to care and outcomes. She would like this topic to be an ongoing discussion. She said a resolution will be going to the County Board next week addressing racism as a public health crisis.

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

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, August 20, 2020, 12:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Adjourned by acclamation at 1:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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