

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)
August 20, 2015

Call to Order. Vice Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:05 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth Floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Melissa Meboe (alt. for Kate Flanagan), Neil Deupree, Linda Scott-Hoag, Jessica Kranz (alt. for Brian Gies), Dr. Ken Robbins, Lindsay Stevens, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Lance Horozewski, Tim Perry, Samantha Palan, Pastor Mike Jackson, Tricia King, Emily Pelz, and Deputy Chief John Olsen.

Committee Members Absent: Judge R. Alan Bates, Tami Lalor, Laura Neece, Cmdr. Erik Chellevold, and Sheila DeForest.

Staff Members Present: Tera O'Connor, HSD Program Manager.

Others Present: Colleen Wisch, NAMI Rock County; Brian Foster and Chad Woodman, Janesville Police Department; Barb Werfal, Rebecca Westrick, and Kathy Kranz, WREP; Ian Hedges, HealthNet; Representative Deb Kolste; Lynda Owens; and Ethel Below.

Approval of the Agenda. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Perry. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes of July 16, 2015. Mr. Horozewski moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Pastor Jackson. ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Deupree asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Workgroup Updates

Data Workgroup: This group has not met since last meeting, therefore, there are no updates available.

AODA Workgroup: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said this group met this week and discussed specific recommendations related to heroin in Rock County. She said the group intends to present their recommendations to the BHRSC and CJCC in October.

CCRG: Ms. Meboe said they are working on keeping clients closer to home and they continue to work on budget issues related to transports.

Cultural Competency: Vice Chair Deupree said the group met once and is scheduled to meet again in September, after which time he will have more information for the BHRSC.

Kids Continuum of Care: Mr. Horozewski handed out the Wisconsin Juvenile Justice Practice Model and discussed it.

Adult Continuum of Care: Ms. Meboe said at the end of July HSD started its central intake unit for the Mental Health and AODA Division. The intake number is 757-5229.

Consumer/Family: Ms. Kranz said WREP continues to work toward their Wellness Fair to be held on September 17th.

Wisconsin Trauma Project Presentation. Ms. O'Connor gave a presentation on the Wisconsin Trauma Project.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Activities Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said this program keeps improving and admitting more clients. There will be more information at the September meeting.

Update regarding AODA Funding through the Rock County Human Services Department. Vice Chair Deupree said the County Board approved additional AODA funding for the remainder of 2015. Mr. Horozewski requested that a discussion about 2016 funding be on the September BHRSC agenda.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. Vice Chair Deupree read a letter sent to Officer Foster about saving her from her heroin addiction.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Supervisor Grahn thanked Representative Kolste for taking the time to attend the BHRSC and her interest in the work of the committee.

Representative Kolste said she is on a new task force dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia. She was previously on the mental health taskforce and hopes this new taskforce she is on garners the same bipartisan support.

Mr. Hedges introduced himself as the new Executive Director of HealthNet and expressed an interest in the work of the BHRSC. He said one issue he is particularly interested in is mental health parity.

Future Meeting Date and Time Thursday, September 17, 2015, at Noon, in N1-N2, 5th Floor Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen
Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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