



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes – August 20, 2020**

Call to Order. Chair Luster called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order via teleconference at 12:02 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Louis Peer, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Tim Perry, Linda Scott Hoag, Kate Luster, Kelsey Cordova, Greg Winkler, Judge Michael Haakenson, Judge Karl Hanson, Dr. Ken Robbins, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Tricia Murray, Supervisor Rick Richard and Commander Erik Chellevoid.

Committee Members Absent: Tami Ellis, Billy Bob Grahn, Tera O'Connor, Mike Kelly, Laura Neece, Samantha Palan, Patty Slatter and Lindsay Stevens.

Staff Members Present: Bette Trimble, HSD Program Manager; Dr. Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Captain Kimberly Litsheim, Sheriff's Office.

Others Present: Barb Werfal, WREP.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Dr. Robbins. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2019. Dr. Robbins moved approval of the minutes of November 21, 2019 as presented, second by Ms. Scott Hoag. ADOPTED.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations were opened for the Chair of the BHRSC. Mr. Winkler nominated Ms. Luster, second by Dr. Robbins. There were no other nominations. Ms. Luster said she would accept the nomination. Nominations were closed and the committee voted unanimously for Ms. Luster as Chair of the BHRSC.

Chair Luster opened nominations for the Vice Chair of the BHRSC. There were no nominations. Chair Luster said we would revisit this at a future meeting and asked the committee to keep this in mind.

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

Updates and Possible Action.

Revised BHRSC Bylaws. The committee reviewed the Bylaws.

Resolution on Updating Titles and Roles of Representatives on Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee. The committee reviewed the resolution that was presented. Mr. Winkler moved to approve the resolution as presented, second by Mr. Rose Barajas.

Judge Hanson said he does not believe that Judges can be appointed members of the committee due to separation of powers. He said that judiciary offices could remain as ex-officio members. Judge

Haakenson agreed. Judge Hanson moved to amend the resolution to strike the wording ‘and Judiciary offices’ from line 32, second by Judge Haakenson. ADOPTED.

Resolution ADOPTED as amended.

Updates on Groups Associated with BHRSC.

Behavioral Health Providers. Mr. Winkler said they met on July 21st and continue building relationships. They discussed DHS 75 regulation changes and COVID-19. Attendance has remained pretty steady between 15 to 20 attendees. The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th at noon. Mr. Winkler will send the Zoom link to be distributed to the committee. Mr. Winkler explained that DHS 75 has not been updated for at least ten years. DHS is currently taking public comments. He will send a link to the committee on the DHS 75 proposed changes.

Prevention. Chair Luster said the recruitment for the new HSD Prevention Specialist has stalled due to COVID. Second interviews will be held in the next few weeks. She continues to look for opportunities to reallocate resources to prevention. They created a neighborhood social worker to create pathways to prevention. They have provided funds to community agencies to use for prevention. JM4C will be holding a virtual Rock for Recovery event in October. She will get the flier distributed to the committee.

Consumer Voice. Ms. Werfal said WREP has not met. COVID has really hampered their meetings. She reminded the committee that NAMI has started holding support group meetings.

Ms. Luster said that Rock County has received a grant for an evidence based peer support parent program. They are currently in the planning phase.

Information on Human Services Covid-19 SAMHSA Grant. Human Services was awarded a \$212,000 grant. They will be using this grant several ways: increase peer support specialist hours, allocate funding to housing and critical incident stress debriefing for first responders. This grant will run through August 2021. They are working on how they will be collecting the data for the grant and then will share more information/outreach with the community.

Discussion Regarding COVID-19 Related Behavioral Health Needs in the Community. Some of the concerns the committee discussed were the stressor of children going back to school, how parents will teach/work/parent, being aware of protocols in place for Telehealth, group treatment being a little trickier now with social distancing and how to help isolated individuals. Ms. Rose Barajas said that Mercy is working on making a couple more treatment beds available. Judge Haakenson said treatment court is being held remotely. Most individuals are doing well, while a handful are struggling and they are not sure how to help remotely.

Discussion Regarding Racial Equity in Behavioral Health. Mr. Perry and Chair Luster said that the representation of the BHRSC is not reflective of the community. The committee agreed. We will begin looking for community members to attend meetings and provide guidance.

Update on BHRSC Membership Appointments. Chair Luster said that County Board Chair Kara Purviance has created a new appointment process. There will be a newspaper notice published looking for individuals who are interested in joining EBDM. BHRSC may be doing something similar. They have also put links on the County website for interested individuals to apply for committee membership. BHRSC currently has several vacancies.

Mr. Winkler suggested reaching out to the Diversity Action Team for help. Judge Haakenson said the Juvenile Justice Workgroup has scheduled a meeting dedicated solely to diversity.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes. Chair Luster said the Sheriff recognized the jail re-entry program with an award. The two Human Services employees have connected 1200 people with services upon leaving the jail.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mr. Winkler said they are working on the Harper's Place expansion. He will be sending out a feedback survey within the next week.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020, 12:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Adjourned by acclamation at 1:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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