

Justice and Mental Health Grant Program Ad Hoc Committee

February 4, 2011

Call to Order. Chair Dupree called the meeting of the Justice and Mental Health Grant Program Ad Hoc Committee to order at 3:30 P.M. in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Neil Dupree, Lance Horozewski, Brian Gies, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Kate Flanagan, Denny Luster, Carrie Kulinski, Julie Lenzendorf, and Dr. Bruce Erdman.

Staff Members Present: None.

Others Present: None.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Horozewski moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Lenzendorf. ADOPTED.

Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Luster moved to approve the January 4, 2011 minutes as presented, second by Mr. Horozewski. ADOPTED.

Report on Mental Health Grant Consultant Progress. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council agreed with the committee's recommendation to hire ZiaPartners . The County Board will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2011 to make the final approval.

Update on CJCC's Discussion of Mental Health Grant. The grant administrator and ZiaPartners are working together to work within the allocated budget. Ms. Flanagan, Mr. Luster and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will attend the grant orientation meeting in Baltimore the week of February 7, 2011. This meeting will be held at the National Justice/Mental Health Conference.

Discussion Regarding Mental Health Services related to the Justice Systems. Chair Dupree asked committee members what are some of the needs in Rock County for the consultant to focus on.

Mr. Horozewski and Ms. Kulinski agreed that the consultant should focus on the lack of good quality day treatment for children and adolescents.

Mr. Horozewski said that there was also a need for intensive In-home mental health treatment for adults and families. Many times there is a lack of treatment for adults that are not in a crisis for ongoing therapeutic support.

Ms. Flanagan voiced a concern for access to mental health treatment for un-insured adults who are not in crisis.

Ms. Lenzendorf said there was no where to send uninsured adults who were not in crisis. She said that many of her African American male clients will not acknowledge they have mental illness. She believes this is happening because of the stigma attached to the diagnosis. She believed that education would be critical to help the community understand what mental illness is. She also mentioned that wait lists for in-home family treatment are long.

Dr. Erdman said to look at what mental health services insurance companies will cover, and focus on those needs within Rock County. Many times if a patient has a dual diagnosis, more funding options may be available. He also believed that it would be beneficial if the county had people who knew how to complete SSI paperwork correctly.

Mr. Luster believes that the lack of a Psychiatric Hospital in Rock County affects all aspects of the community and needs to be addressed.

Discussion Regarding Mental Health Grant Planning and Implementation Guide.

II. Initiative design

A. Target Population

1. What mental health diagnosis are included and excluded from the grant initiative's eligibility criteria? What level/severity of disability is included and excluded?
 - Focus on the Axis I disorders with a functionally impaired diagnosis
 - Look at the top 3 recommendations from the consultant's report
 - The group with the greatest need
2. How are Co-occurring substance use disorders addressed?
 - Yes, co-occurring diagnosis should be addressed in the study
3. How do the clinical criteria relate to the state's mental health priority population definition?
 - Not sure, do we have a State priority definition?
4. What is the age range for the target population?
 - Children and adults

The Committee continued to look through the questions and agreed that the questions seem pre-mature for a planning grant. The committee believes that the data needs to be collected first and then the recommendations can be made.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Chair Dupree told the committee that The Janesville Gazette ran a small article about the grant and our committee work. Chair Dupree will instruct staff to e mail a copy of the story to committee members.

Time and Date of Future Meetings. The committee agreed to meet on Friday, March 11th at 1 P.M. in N-1.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Kulinski, School District of Janesville