



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)  
Minutes – July 19, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Chair Luster called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:02 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Louis Peer, Chair Kate Luster, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Neil Deupree, Judge Alan Bates, Commander Troy Knudson, Greg Winkler, Patty Slatter, Laura Neece, Ian Hedges, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Samantha Palan, Tim Perry, D.J. Rhodes, Lance Horozewski, Michelle Babilus (alt. for Emily Pelz) and Kelly Klingensmith (alt. for Dave Pluymers).

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Ken Robbins, Tami Ellis, Tricia Murray, Linda Scott-Hoag and Lindsay Stevens.

**Staff Members Present:** Judge Karl Hanson (alt. to Judge Bates); Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator; Kendra Schiffman, HSD Analyst; Samantha Aisen and Emma Peterson, Public Health Interns.

**Others Present:** Billy Bob Grahn; Lynda Owens; and Tonya Ramsey, Life by Design Counseling.

**Approval of Agenda.** Judge Bates moved approval of the agenda, second by Mr. Rhodes. ADOPTED.

**Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2018.** Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Neece. ADOPTED.

The committee introduced themselves for new members.

**Review Responses to Community Provider Resource Inquiry.** Chair Luster reminded the committee of the direction we had agreed upon. Emma Peterson, Intern, has reached out to providers in the community to find out what their barriers are. Some of the barriers identified were: overall capacity issue, payer source, state statute limitations, access to higher level of care, wait times and not enough MAT (medication assisted treatment) providers. Ms. Luster provided a SAMHSA Medication and Counseling Treatment overview handout to use as a resource. The committee viewed a short clip from a Vermont hub and spoke model webinar. Ms. Luster will send the link to the full webinar to the committee. Vermont's outcomes have been increased access to care and decreased overdoses. This is being delivered as a best practice. Ms. Owens expressed her ongoing concern with our transportation barrier.

**Discuss Action Steps toward Improved Access and Connections in Care.** Chair Luster said we need to determine our next step. Ms. Rose Barajas would like us to develop a hub and spoke model that currently exists within our community and the ability to develop and expand. The committee identified a few hub and spokes.

Hubs - Rock County Human Services (AODA), BCTC, Mercy, Compass Behavioral Health

Spokes – Mercy, AODA is reaching out to Primary care Physicians in our community to become spokes.

Mercy has a capacity of 300 clients. Human Services has a capacity of 250 clients. BCTC has a capacity of 30 their first year and 110 the second year.

How can we engage potential spokes? Potential spokes could include primary care providers (PCP) or other behavioral health prescribers in the community. Is it possible to provide a navigation system for spokes? How can PCP's be supported and protected? They need confidence in the HUB. How can we make this work? Where is funding coming from? Another barrier for PCP's is the lack of health navigators. An idea is to send a survey out to health care administrators and PCP's.

Ms. Luster will do a deeper dive into the outreach successes of other communities. We will reach out to recovery coaches and individuals with lived experience for potential engagement. Who on the committee would like to take the lead on this?

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

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** HealthNet will be holding its third annual Southern Wisconsin Conference on Mental Health on September 24<sup>th</sup>. More information to follow.

Rock for Recovery (formerly Hope Over Heroin) will be held October 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to follow.

Save the date: NAMI Paint the Town Yellow at Palmer Park on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Families Fighting Addiction will be hosting a support group every Thursday starting August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 to 7:30 P.M. at 250 Garden Lane Beloit, WI.

**Future Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2018, 12:00 P.M., N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Courthouse East.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,  
HR Secretary

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