



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes – May 20, 2021**

Call to Order. Chair Luster called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order via teleconference at 12:01 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Louis Peer, Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner, Tim Perry, Linda Scott Hoag, Kate Luster, Kelsey Cordova, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Tricia Murray, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Shelly Osmond, Ryan Trautsch, Samantha Palan, Samantha Wellnitz, Laura Neece, Lindsay Stevens, and Greg Winkler.

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Kenneth Robbins, Tamara Lalor, Billy Bob Grahn, Don Knight, Patty Slatter and Ian Hedges.

Staff Members Present: Becky Huber, HSD Coordinator of Prevention and Community Engagement; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Kim Riley, HSD Crisis Supervisor.

Others Present: None.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

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

Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2020. Commander Chellevoid moved approval of the minutes of November 19, 2020 as presented, second by Ms. Rose-Barajas. ADOPTED.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations were opened for the Chair of the BHRSC. Ms. Luster nominated Ms. Neece and Ms. Rose-Barajas as co-chairs, second by Mr. Winkler. There were no other nominations. Ms. Neece and Ms. Rose-Barajas said they would accept the nomination. Nominations were closed and the committee voted unanimously for Ms. Neece and Ms. Rose-Barajas as Co-Chairs of the BHRSC.

Discussion about ongoing COVID impact on behavioral health services, including status of vaccinations for behavioral health providers. Beloit Health is doing approximately 70% of visits via Telehealth. Majority of Mercy’s visits are still Telehealth. Mercy continues to offer vaccines. The Rock County jail held a mass vaccination clinic. As new inmates arrive, they are offered a vaccine. Once they have five inmates interested, the vaccine is brought in and administered. Crossroads is holding about 85% of their visits in person. They are currently putting their waiting room back together. They are requiring masks in the waiting room. Once they are in the provider’s office, they follow the provider’s preference. Rock County Community Support Program has been in person through most of the pandemic. Starting 6/1, Crisis will be going back into the Emergency Rooms. Rock County Comprehensive Community Services is running at 50% in person visits. NAMI is going back to meeting in person. They will offer both online and in person meetings.

Discussion about the mental health of clients/citizens and suicide/ODs. Ms. Huber said the rates of depression and anxiety amongst youth is higher. As far as prevention, they are running an Alcohol Awareness campaign and are offering free bottle and refrigerator locks. They are also offering free prescription medication lock boxes. They have a marijuana campaign starting soon. A wide assessment of needs will be conducted soon. This hasn't been done in approximately ten years. They are looking in to Narcan boxes as well.

Ms. Osmond provided an update on how the pandemic is affecting students in Janesville Schools.

Ms. Wellnitz said Beloit Schools have seen increased vaping and use of marijuana on campus. Beloit students have been in person two days a week since April.

Discussion regarding COVID-related funding coming into the county for behavioral health-related needs. Ms. Luster said Rock County will receive \$31 million for relief funding. These funds will come over a period of two years and must be spent within four years. Ms. Luster asked the committee for ideas on the use of these funds. Ms. Rose-Barajas would like to see in-home parent support offered. Another idea was to use funds to recruit more treatment providers or workforce development. Ms. Neece would like to see more CIT training offered for law enforcement. Ms. Luster suggested train the trainer opportunities. Ms. Stevens would like to see increases in youth services and increased CIP training.

Discussion regarding state budget initiatives related to behavioral health. They are moving toward a regional crisis stabilization center. They are working on how to implement a statewide call center for the '988' suicide crisis line.

Updates on Groups Associated with BHRSC.

Behavioral Health Providers. Mr. Winkler said they met on Tuesday and continue building relationships. Attendance has remained steady between 15 to 20 attendees. The meetings are very informal, and they continue to have good discussions.

Prevention. Ms. Huber said there was an APP developed in Green County that is geared toward suicide prevention in youth. She will send the APP info to the committee.

Consumer Voice. None.

Discussion regarding future priorities and direction of BHRSC. The co-chairs will develop a survey for the committee as to problematic areas in the County that the BHRSC should focus on. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will send it out to the group before the next meeting.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes. Several stories/outcomes were shared.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021, 12:00 P.M., Location TBD

Adjournment. Ms. Luster moved to adjourn at 12:55 P.M., second by Ms. Neece.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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