

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)
February 21, 2022

- Present MHAC Committee:** CST Liaison (Eve Altizer), WCTC (Amy Machgan), NAMI (Mary Madden, Co-Chair), CCS Committee Liaison (Courtney McElmeel), Public Defender's Office (Maura McMahan), LSS/Friendships-Clubhouse (Rachel Sauer), DOC – Probation and Parole (Shannon Stydahar)
- Absent MHAC Committee:** Peer Specialists of Waukesha County (Susie Austin), TJ Findley (Co-Chair), Cathy Friend, Homes for Independent Living (Pauline Glainyk-Buehler), Helen Prozeller, ProHealth Care (Jena Scherer)
- Absent HHS Board Liaison:** Vicki Dallmann-Papke
- Present HHS Staff Liaison:** Kirk Yauchler
- Guests:** Danielle Birdeau, Janelle McClain, Jessica Brost, Sam Schuette

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested of the previous minutes:

- Remove "Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting" from the header
- Remove "(CST)" and "(CCS Backup)" from the "Present MHAC Committee" category
- Change "Wisconsin Community Services" on page 3 to "Children's Long Term Waiver Services"

Motion: McMahan moved, second by Sauer, to approve the amended joint Mental Health Advisory and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Committees' minutes of November 15, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Discuss 2022 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board on April 28, 2022

Madden, Findley, Sauer, and Lindsay Just (SUAC Chair), met regarding the joint Community Prioritized Needs Presentation. After reviewing the information from both committees, they came up with the following topics:

1. Accessibility

- a. Transportation Issues (i.e. the bus system does not go into the further areas in the community and could be costly or difficult to secure an Uber)
- b. Backlogged and closing clinics
- c. Telehealth, including the positives and negatives

- d. Community treatment options after 5pm and on the weekends.
- 2. Housing
 - a. Homelessness
 - b. Voucher issues with landlords and HUD
 - c. Recovery housing
 - d. Changes in transitional residential housing
- 3. Educational Purposes
 - a. Peer Specialists – What they do and how organizations can utilize them

Attendees also discussed adding a service navigator to help families find services for youth in the "Accessibility" category.

5. **Committee and Organizational Updates**

a. **HHS Board Liaison Report**

McClain provided a brief update on the hybrid meeting pilot program that the HHS Board has been conducting since October.

b. **HHS Staff Liaison Report**

Yauchler stated that the ARPA funding to update the Mental Health Center (MHC) will be pitched to approving parties within the next month. The updates will include dividing the existing inpatient unit in half – one side being a 16-bed inpatient unit, and the other being a 12-room community-based residential facility (CBRF) crisis center. The inpatient unit has not been above 16 beds in use much in the last year and a half, and many times, inpatient clients are actually there for crisis stabilization. The crisis team will be moved from the Human Services Center to the MHC, along with court monitoring and community-based crisis services.

Birdeau stated that the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council had secured a Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grant. The grant is allowing Waukesha County to launch community-based crisis services and help to divert people from having to go to the jail. There is a contract in place with the agency that will start the services on February 28. Approximately 9 individuals have been enrolled at this time.

The Community Support Program (CSP) is recruiting 2 case managers because Kelly and Brett Brockway are retiring. Two part-time psychiatrists are being recruited. The Treatment Support Services Unit (TSSU) is recruiting for 2 staff members as well.

c. **Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee**

The CCS Coordinating Committee did not meet in January due to COVID.

d. **Coordinated Services Team (CST)**

The CST Committee did not meet in January due to COVID but will be meeting this week Wednesday.

The CST unit will be fully staffed as of March 7.

e. **Peer Specialists of Waukesha County**

There was no report from the Peer Specialists of Waukesha County.

f. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP) Report

CHIPP has wrapped up its previous cycle and is in the early stages of the new cycle. While the new cycle topics are still being finalized, it appears that drug use and mental health care have remained in the top 3, with the third topic being chronic disease management.

This standing agenda topic will be removed from future agendas until the county has progressed further along in the CHIPP process.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

WCTC will allow juniors and seniors to attend classes on campus. This change will cause the college to address any issues or changes that the youth would have.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Community Prioritized Needs Presentation
- Law Enforcement and Crisis Services – Madden, Yachler, Birdeau

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: McMahon moved, second by Sauer, to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: Mary Wood Date: 3/21/22