

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)
July 18, 2022

Present MHAC Committee: CST Liaison (Eve Altizer), CCS Committee Liaison (Courtney McElmeel), DOC – Probation and Parole (Shannon Stydahr), NAMI (Mary Madden, Co-Chair), Peer Specialists of Waukesha County (Susie Austin), ProHealth Care (Jena Scherer), Public Defender’s Office (Maura McMahon), WCTC (Noelle Giannini)

Absent MHAC Committee: TJ Findley (Co-Chair), Cathy Friend, Homes for Independent Living (Pauline Glainyk-Buehler), LSS/Friendships-Clubhouse (Shannon Hammer)

Absent HHS Board Liaison: Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Absent HHS Staff Liaison: Brad Haas, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Danielle Birdeau, Jessica Brost, Janelle McClain, Kary Turner

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Austin moved, second by Giannini, to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committee’s minutes of May 16, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. Elections (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2023)

Motion: McMahon moved, second by Austin to vote Findley as the Co-Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Findley accepted the position of Co-Chair via email.

Motion: Stydahr moved, second by McMahon to vote Machgan as the Co-Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Machgan accepted the position of Co-Chair via email.

Motion: Austin moved, second by McMahon to vote Madden as the Vice Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Madden accepted the position of Vice Chair.

b. Discuss and Consider – Membership Reappointments (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)

Motion: McMahon moved, second by Austin to reappoint the Division of Community Corrections – Probation and Parole as a member of the Mental Health Advisory

Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Stydahr accepted the reappointment on behalf of the Division of Community Corrections – Probation and Parole.

Motion: Austin moved, second by Stydahr to reappoint the Lutheran Social Services/Friendships-Clubhouse as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Hammer accepted the reappointment on behalf of Lutheran Social Services/Friendships-Clubhouse, via email.

Motion: Stydahr moved, second by McMahon to reappoint the ProHealth Care as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Scherer accepted the reappointment on behalf of the ProHealth Care.

Motion: Austin moved, second by McMahon to reappoint the Waukesha County Technical College as a member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Giannini accepted the reappointment on behalf of the Waukesha County Technical College.

c. Discuss and Consider – New Membership (Term: September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)

Motion: McMahon moved, second by Stydahr to appoint Addiction Resource Council as a provider member of the Mental Health Advisory Committee. Motion passed without a negative vote. Brost accepted the reappointment on behalf of Addiction Resource Council.

d. Confirm Contact Information for Members

McClain distributed the committee's contact list for attendees to review for accuracy and update if necessary.

4. Discuss 2023 Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board

The Substance Use Advisory Committee discussed adding "Recovery Housing" to the presentation. The MHAC agreed that the presentation should continue to address this issue within the community.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

There is no HHS Board Liaison Report.

McMahon left at 2:18 p.m.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

Birdeau reported that Waukesha County is at the peak of budget season.

The Clinical Services Division has applied for two grants through Wisconsin DHS:

- Grant #1: Received a renewed 5-year contract for the Youth Crisis Grant. Waukesha County will be partnering with NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. The new grant started July 1, and will allow for expanding of numerous programs, including the Youth Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) program.

- Grant #2: 3-4 year grant for regional crisis stabilization. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds were approved to repurpose part of the Mental Health Center (MHC) by reducing the inpatient beds from 28 beds to 16 beds this year as the first phase of this project. The regional facility is currently scheduled to open January 2024. The bed reduction allows the MHC to remove the Institute of Mental Disease Designation, allowing Waukesha County to bill Medicaid for individuals between the ages of 18 and 64.

ARPA funds are also going through the final approval stages to add three embedded crisis positions – one additional crisis worker at the Sheriff’s Department, one crisis worker at the Waukesha Police Department, and one crisis worker at the Waukesha County Communications Center.

c. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee

The CCS Coordinating Committee held their elections, and Jean Goodsett was re-elected as Committee Chair, and Tracy Allman was re-elected as Committee Vice Chair.

The committee continues to work on methods to increase involvement on the committee.

The CCS program’s recertification on-site visit was held in June, and the program was recertified for two years.

The vendor network for CCS has added four new vendors since February that are open to youth and adults:

- Family Options (Psychotherapy)
- Power for Change (gamut of services including psychotherapy, skill development, medication management, etc.)
- Holistic Connections (equine therapy services)
- Alternatives in Psychological Consultation (skill development, wellness, peer support)

d. Coordinated Services Team (CST)

Altizer distributed and reviewed a flyer for a new virtual Caregiver Community group for caregivers of children and adolescents with social, emotional, behavioral, and/or mental health challenges.

e. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County

Austin is reaching out to agencies that utilize Peer Specialists. She hopes to revive the group next month and focus on educating employers how to best utilize the Peer Specialists.

Registration is opening tomorrow at noon for a Peer Support Specialist training in September or October for Waukesha and Milwaukee Counties.

The annual Overdose Awareness Day event will be held on August 31 at Frame Park. There will be a media/press event earlier that day.

A male Peer Support Specialist will be starting soon with the DOC.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

The 2nd Annual Recovery Event with the AODA Volunteers will be held on September 17. The main event is the softball game, but there are many other activities as well.

Addiction Resource Council and Project WisHope are sponsoring Roarin' for Recovery at the Milwaukee County Zoo on August 27. For additional information, visit <https://roarinrecovery.net>.

7. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There are no additional agenda items for the next meeting.


8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Austin moved, second by Stydahr, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: 

Date: 9/20/2022