

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2008
MINUTES**

Present: Troy Norman, Diane Begos, , Richard Wutt, Marybeth Vander Male, Kathryn Franke, Michael DeMares, Colleen Gonzalez, Lisa McLean, Cindy Buchholz

Excused: Janet Enters, Linda Cole, Lois Jones Andrew Barnhill, Jay Bova, Christine Hansen, Corrine Gresen, Sandra Hack

Troy Norman called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

Review and Approval of November Minutes

After changes were made to the minutes, a motion was made by Richard Wutt to approve them. This was seconded by Kathy Franke. The minutes were approved with the corrections.

Legislative Report

David Krahn gave a political update on the following with discussion after each topic:

- State Budget progress
- Wisconsin's pending Mental Health Parity
 - SB 375
 - Mental Health Parity Action Day will be February 20, 2008
- At the Federal level, the Mental Health Parity did pass Senate and is in the House
 - House bill: HR 1424
 - Senate bill: S 558
- Healthcare Reform may be going to committee and it may include Mental Health
- Review of the County Board's reduction in members/majority vote and that the Board will meet once each month now, not every two weeks. Committees will meet more often.

Dave asked if there were ever any questions to contact him at 262-548-7922.

Mike DeMares reviewed that the Department of Aging will be replaced by the Resource Center. The office will be in the 500 Riverview Building. Clients will be loaded into the Care Management Organization starting in July. The Resource Center will be responsible for the payment for the services. The Aging and Mental Health Services will be included. After two years there should be no waiting list. This will help acquire affordable healthcare and help with assisted living care of the elderly. By providing a combination of home and personal care, which will allow shorter hospital or nursing home stays, there is a great savings each year. Also, federal dollars will be related in how this is done. Counties who have run this program for a number of years note large savings after the first initial 2-3 years.

Board Liaison Report

Richard Wutt reported there was one meeting to report on from November 29, 2007. There was no meeting in December for the Health and Human Services Board. Richard reviewed the assistance programs available for Waukesha County. There was a review of the modifications of the 2008 budgets and pointed out changes that were made as a compromise with the County Executive. They reviewed the 2008 Offers for Shadowing. HHS will have revamping of the building to make it more efficient for the employees. Modified Bylaws were reviewed for the Waukesha County HHS Board.

Mike DeMares gave an the department moves that will take place as a result of the remodeling of the 500 Riverview Building. Mike explained how there get to be the large number of records HHS, touched on how long they must be kept, and commented on scanning these records . Discussion followed.

Sub-Committee Reports

Membership/Nominating – Corrine Gresen

Corrine stated the Vice Chair will send thank you notes to the speakers.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos reported the CCS program is enjoyed by family and counselors. There have been 60 admissions. Continued satisfaction updates have been available. Kathy Franke noted that other counties use CCS specifically for kids programs. Discussion followed.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Other -

Kathy Franke handed out the Fall Newsletter of *Family Ties*, which will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary this spring. There will be celebrations in Madison.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 18, 2008.

Since there was no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Franke, which was seconded by Richard Wutt. The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved _____ Date _____