

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009
MINUTES**

Present:

Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board)
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)
Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Maura McMahon (Public Defender Office)

Mary Madden (NAMI)
Lisa McLean (MRA)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)
Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)

Guests:

Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)

Excused:

Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Andrew Barnhill
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
Linda Cole (Friendships)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m.

Educational Segment: Community Options Program (COP)

Joan Sternweis passed out and reviewed the Community Options Guidelines, which targets only mental illnesses. Discussion was held on County Board of Supervisors, Interagency Long-Term Support Planning Committee, and Lead Agency. Joan Sternweis will inform the State of WI that the Mental Health Advisory Committee will manage the COP funds. The COP Committee will meet quarterly. Currently COP serves 25 clients and has about two exceptions yearly. Mike DeMares will create an outline on what committee structure is best and bring it back to the April meeting. Mike has asked the County Board Chair to switch this committee from Long-Term Care to the MH Advisory Committee. Mike requested Joan Sternweis come back in April to help work out the details.

Review and Approval of February 2009 Minutes

The minutes were reviewed. There is one change. Corrine Gresen moved to approve the minutes with the change. This was seconded by Diane Begos. The minutes were approved with the change.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis Farrell stated the County Board met last week and discussed the major fiscal impact concerns in the Governor's proposed 2-year budget. In the mental health institutes, the non-federal medical assistance share of children or elderly (Mendota and Winnebago) will be shifted from the state to the counties. This will burden Waukesha County with an additional \$500,000 per year. The county will take over the share of the cost of institutionalization over and above what families, insurance or personally care for, which had been done by the state. There is a 1% across the board DHS reduction in funding for outpatient, mental health and AODA services, which comes to \$80,210 per year. Revenue didn't keep up with inflation for the Community Aid structure 2008. There will be discussion on a possible county sales tax.

Mike DeMares explained the state does not want to fund the 45% placement in institutions for youth or elderly. Placements to Winnebago or Mendota will cost the county up to \$450 per day. The State believes counties should develop community based services that would serve youth and aged who have long-term mental health needs. The elderly are sometimes sent to Mendota those who are dealing with severe dementia and are dangerous to self or others. These numbers are very small, but it comes to about \$500,000 yearly.

Legislative report

Mike DeMares noted comments on the State Budget and disproportionate cuts in Human Services, primarily because stimulus money is being used for roads or anything that can generate jobs. The State of WI took over the Child Welfare program in Milwaukee. More money is being sent there; other counties are in disagreement over this. The state is leveraging income maintenance program (food stamps, etc.) money, not forwarding it to the counties. Meetings continue.

Dennis Farrell added counties and municipalities are getting road work subcontractors who are coming in under budget because contractors need the work and will take any work to keep employees busy.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos stated there are 95 active consumers participating in CCS. On April 1, 2009 the Person Center Planning will begin with Joy Malloy and Joan Sternweis for specific training for this program. The Coordinating Committee met today

and a vote was held to renew the 3-year term for Mary Madden, Co-Facilitator, Diane Begos Facilitator and Chair, and Joy Malloy as Secretary. With new consumers and agency members, CCS serves a larger portion of Waukesha County.

Old Business –

Unmet Needs – Mike DeMares passed out the updated list of Unmet Needs, which will be presented to the County Board on March 26, 2009. Presentations will be given as follows:

1. Support the continuation of the 2009 array and levels of services provided to Waukesha County residents including access to new psycho pharmaceuticals for both children and adults.
2. Lisa McLean: 211 First Call for Help – Lisa stated that this year 211 is short about \$50,000. The request will be to maintain the present funding. The presentation will include background information.
3. Marybeth Vander Male: Cost of living adjustment for residential providers for the Chronically Mentally Ill (2-3%). (\$40,000) A graduate of the HIL will attend the presentation.
4. Misty Barnhill: Support and sustain the continuation of peer support program in a variety of clinical settings (\$20,000). A support person will attend the presentation.
5. Expand respite services to SED children to provide greater access to summer programming and monitoring (\$15,000).

Mike DeMares said to stay with the basics, have a dollar figure, use PowerPoint presentations and/or testimonials.

New Business –

Mary Madden handed out and reviewed the 2004 Educational Program list with the committee to generate ideas for future Educational Segments. Discussion followed. The following Educational Segments will be scheduled:

- April Educational Segment – ARDC update, Cathy Bellovary
- May Educational Segment – Housing Authority
- June Educational Segment – Wisconsin Community Services
- July - No meeting

Other -

There was no other business. Diane Begos made a motion to adjourn. Corrine Gresen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved *Terry L. Jansen* Date: *April 24, 2009*

Cc: Harlow Bielefeldt, Chair, AODA
James Pearson, Chair of CAFSAC
Sue Konkel, Chair, Public Health
County Clerk, Waukesha County