WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2010
MINUTES

Present:
Troy Norman (Goodwill)
Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)
Linda Cole (Friendships)
Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board)
Maura McMahon (Public Defender Office)
Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)
Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)
Lisa McLean (MHA)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL)

Guests:
Cynthia Lilley (HHS)
Gina Fiacchino (HHS)
Heather Calton (HHS)
Leslie Zersen (HHS)
Kathy Duffek, Parent's Place

Excused:
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)
Mary Madden (NAMI)
Misty Barnhill (Friendships)

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by Troy Norman. Introductions were made.

Educational Segment: Parent's Place – Kathy Duffek, Program Manager
Troy Norman introduced Kathy Duffek of Parent's Place. Kathy Duffek stated Parent's Place has been around since 1983 and resulted from Waukesha County social worker brainstorming. Kathy D. explained Parent's Place is a program, not their own agency, and under the fiscal management of Prevention and Protection of Abused Children (PPAC), Inc. Parent's Place Family Resource Center offers over 50 programs every year. Programs include Supervised Visitation Program, Safe Exchange Program, Parent Support Worker, and Born Learning. The Parenting and Depression Program, suggested by Linda Cole, has been going strong since 2002 with about 40 people regularly attending. Community churches take turns providing an evening meal before many groups. All programs for children or teens also have a component for parents on the same topics. Handouts were distributed. A Parenting Program will be held in Spanish this year, which is supported by a grant from La Casa. Referrals come in from 2-1-1 First Call for Help, physicians, social workers, and drop-ins. Kathy D. stated there is a minimal fee for some programs, but often the fee is waived.

Review and Approval of January Minutes
The January 26, 2010 Minutes were reviewed. There were many changes. Dennis Farrell moved to approve the minutes with changes. Mike DeMares Seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with these changes.

Board Liaison Report
Dennis Farrell recommended using Marquette Dental for dental needs of clients, friends or family.

The Board has been discussing the flu situation, which they feel is under control. Clinics are being moved into neighborhoods. Occurrences are down, but may rebound during early spring.

In January a presentation was given by the National Children's Study, as Waukesha County was selected for this national study. This study will continue for 21 years, from before conception to the age of 21 years.

The Unmet Needs presentation for the Mental Health Advisory Committee will be March 25th. Dennis recommended staying with the types of presentations and testimony given last year.

Legislative Report
Dennis Farrell stated there is still a bill on Parity. It has been on hold to see what would happen financially. The National Health Care situation may have an impact on this bill.

Mike DeMares added Dave Krahn has retired and is not being replaced. This role has not been picked up from the County Executive's office at this time.

Mike D. added advocacy groups are very upset with Badger Care Plus because they have added chiropractic services to Badger Care Plus, but not added mental health services. There will be a special day in February where the counties will present to legislators will talk about the needs of each county.

Dennis Farrell said only two County Board seats will be contested this election. Committees may change after the new board is elected.

CCS Coordinating Committee
Diane Begos shared that the next Coordinating Committee Meeting will be on March 15, 2010. At the beginning of that meeting (12:30 p.m.), Tim Krell will be presented an award for his involvement in education and employment. Their educational segment will be on supportive employment. The Mental Health Advisory Committee is invited to join this meeting. Diane stated the smoking cessation is moving forward. On March 17, 2010 there will be a Webinar training on Treating Tobacco Dependence for practitioners and professionals.

Joan Sternweis updated the committee on the Community Recovery Services (CRS), which received a list of questions and clarifications that need to be addressed. The name may become 1915i and used nationally.

COP Report – Joan Sternweis
Joan stated there are four requests for variances for state dollars, which requires this committee to approve.

1. Heather Calton requested funds for the purchase of laminate flooring and carpet removal, to allow a Hoyer lift to be moved more easily, used to transport a person who needs to be moved every 1-2 hours. Heather's request was for $2525.00. Discussion followed. Dennis Farrell moved to accept this expense. Mike DeMares seconded the motion. The request was approved.
2. Gina Fiacchino requested funds for a client who is in a newly modified wheelchair, which does not fit in the door frames of the home. The request is in the amount of $2,292.30 for modifications to door frames in the home to improve accessibility. Discussion followed. Diane Begos moved to approve this expense. This was seconded by Linda Cole. The motion passed.
3. Leslie Zersen requested funds to remodel a bathroom to allow better accommodation and accessibility, to include a bath tub that will fill and empty quickly, and a wheelchair accessible shower stall. The request is in the amount of $24,000. Discussion followed. Dennis Farrell moved to approve the expense. This was seconded by Mike DeMares. The expense was approved.
4. Joan Sternweis made a one-time expense request for an elderly person in Group Home care since 1990, whose needs have changed. Expenses are to cover the start up costs in a Retirement Community Apartment Complex, (including the security deposit, furnishings, set up, moving expenses, phone and utilities). Joan requested $6,150.00. Discussion followed. Mike DeMares moved to approve this request. Colleen Gonzalez seconded the motion. The request was approved.

Mike DeMares reviewed the COP Plan, which is due to the State next week. It is different from the previous year. Mike explained Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) plans to move from 80 to 90% and Case management from 10 to 20%. Mike D. reviewed the benefits. The services will not change.

Diane Begos made a motion to approve moving from 80 to 90% of COP money to residential and from 10 to 20% for Case Management (ancillary services). Dennis Farrell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cynthia Lilley stated she will prepare a report for the State on how the rate billed for case management was determined.

Unmet Needs – Mike DeMares
Mike DeMares stated there is one more meeting before the presentation of the Unmet Needs. Mile reviewed the current list of Unmet Needs and suggested comments on these items.

1. Support the continuation of the 2010 funds and levels of services provided to Waukesha County residents including access to new psycho pharmaceuticals for both children and adults.
2. Maintain the present funding for 2-1-1 First Call for Help.
3. Cost of living adjustment for residential providers.
4. Support and sustain the continuation of peer support program in a variety of clinical settings. 1915i requires Peer Support Services and Vocational services to be available.
5. Expand respite care services to children to provide greater access to summer programming and monitoring.

Mike D. will draw up the Unmet Needs list for the next meeting.

Dennis added it would be helpful to have clients attend to explain their recovery to the board. Dennis complemented 2-1-1 First Call for Help report on their assistance during the H1N1 season. The board needs to be remind that because of these program services, clients avoid expensive hospital admissions.

Old Business –
There was no old business.

New Business –
Joan Sternweis will schedule a Peer Support Development Advisory Committee reunion.

Joan's next meeting with Peer Support Certification Committee is March 19th to review the first wave of test takers and review difficult areas on the test.

Other -
Next Meeting: March 15, 2010.

There was no other business. Dennis Farrell moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Mike DeMares. The meeting ended at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved Dag C. Norman Date 3/15/2010

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