

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 17, 2010
MINUTES**

Present:

Dennis Farrell – (WCHHS Board) Diane Begos (MHC - CCS)
Troy Norman (Goodwill) Lisa McLean (MHA)
Marybeth Vander Male (HIL) Joan Sternweis (MHC - DT)
Mary Madden (NAMI) Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC)
Linda Cole (Friendships) Donna Martinez, State Public Defender Office

Excused:

Michael DeMares (WCDHHS)
Corrine Gresen (WMH)
Maura McMahan (Public Defender Office)
Sandra Hack (DHHS)
James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.)

The meeting was called to order at 1:42 p.m. by Troy Norman.

Educational Segment

There was no Educational Segment.

Review and Approval of February Minutes

The February 2010 Minutes were reviewed. There were no changes to the minutes. Mary Madden moved to approve the minutes as published. Dennis Farrell seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as published.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis Farrell said the public hearing was successful for Unmet Needs. The County Board has met to prioritize the list, then met with the County Executive. The County Executive will formulate a target and go to the department heads with the target. Dennis went on to explain how the budget will develop and be approved.

Legislative Report

Dennis Farrell stated the Parity Bill was passed and signed. This bill will not allow insurance companies to place financial caps on mental health related issues.

CCS Coordinating Committee

Diane Begos stated the annual CCS Meeting was held today. They discussed the plan and the state site visit for site recertification is scheduled on June 11, 2010. CCS has decided on an historian who will be available at each meeting and has developed subcommittees for education and orientation. CCS will hold Peer Support Introduction training on June 4, 2010 at MHC.

Joan Sternweis reviewed the following statistics of the CCS Program: In the past calendar year 97 consumers were served and 15 are new admissions. The ratio of male clients to female clients is 55:42. This consists of 23 men aged 30 years and under. The Coordinating Committee will look at the CCS Plan and internal policies. At this time, neither address Peer Support Specialists.

COP Report

Joan explained the Community Recovery services changed at the federal level. The new rule states all counties must participate, or nobody participates. A meeting will be held in late May to discuss. Joan Sternweis stated there will not be any variances to discuss at this meeting until the issues above are resolved. Joan added the COP recipients may shift to CRS in the future, then COP funds may be moved to individuals who do not qualify for Community Recovery Services (CRS).

Unmet Needs

Mike DeMares was excused and this was tabled.

Old Business

Dennis Farrell asked if Mike DeMares received an answer on whether or not consumer participants at meetings may be paid to attend meetings? This will be added to the June agenda.

Joan Sternweis brought up the topic from April, of whether or not there are scholarship funds for Peer Specialist Certification. Dennis Farrell will follow up on this. The concern is paying for something that is not a service. The testing fee is \$50 and there are approximately 15 people testing each year. Testing is done at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. This item was tabled for the next meeting. Guidelines would need to be developed if the fee is reimbursed.

New Business

Lisa McLean asked about flyers for peer support and the peer support survey is for any one who works with a peer who was trained at the HWPP (Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program) Medical College of Wisconsin training. Linda Cole stated a new grant was submitted to do something similar with the same group of people in Milwaukee to reach out to the Criminal Justice system.

Linda Cole said she met with the County Executive to discuss the increase in teen suicide, ages 15-34 years of age and is the second leading cause of death. Friendships will hold Gatekeeper training on suicide warning signs. Currently school districts who had suicides are being worked with. Then two different kinds of suicide training will be offered; one for youth and one for adult. Both are short, evidence based training.

Joan Sternweis said the study guide is now out for Peer Support Specialist exams.

Other

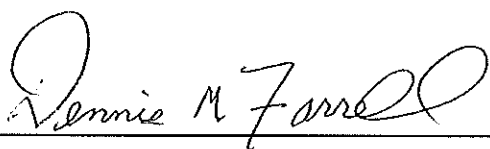
Next Meeting: May 17, 2010.

There was no other business. Linda Cole made a motion to Adjourn. Joan Sternweis seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

There was no other business. Linda Cole moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Joan Sternweis. The meeting ended at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester
Recorder

Minutes were approved  Date _____

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