

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Mental Health Center and ~~Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting~~
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)
and
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee
November 15, 2021

- Present MHAC Committee:** Eve Altizer (CST), Shannon Hammer, Amanda Huber (CCS Backup), Amy Machgan, Mary Madden (Co-Chair), Helen Prozeller, Rachel Sauer (Vice Chair), Jena Scherer, Shannon Stydahr
- Absent MHAC Committee:** Susie Austin, TJ Findley (Co-Chair), Cathy Friend, Pauline Glainyk-Buehler, Maura McMahon
- Present CCS Committee:** Shannon Hammer, Kate Hensleigh, Jacob Matteson, Angela Nigh
- Absent CCS Committee:** Kelli Klopstein, Tracy Allman (Vice Chair), Jean Goodsett (Chair), Pauline Glainyk-Buehler, Lisa Hoefler, Shane Serafin, Marie Umlauf
- Absent HHS Board Liaison:** Vicki Dallmann-Papke
- Present HHS Staff Liaison:** Eve Altizer (CCS), Brad Haas (MHAC), Amanda Huber (CCS), Kirk Yauchler (MHAC)
- Guests:** Tristin Bruno, Brea Lopez

- 1. Call to Order**
MHAC Co-Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.
- 2. Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)**
Motion: Machgan moved, second by Stydahr, to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committee minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.
 - b. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee**
Due to a lack of quorum, this topic has been tabled until a future meeting.
- 3. Community Needs Presentation for Annual 2022 HHS Board Presentation Discussion**
Madden suggested that the committee refer to this presentation as the "Community Priority Needs Presentation," instead of "unmet needs," to reflect that it is the desire of the community to fulfill these requests. There was no disagreement and Madden proceeded to ask the attendees if there were any topic suggestions to present to the Health and Human Services Board on April 28, 2022. The following list was compiled:
 1. Revisit needs from last year's presentation
 - a. continuation and expansion of accessibility to treatment and services

- b. syringe exchange program and other prevention/intervention services
 - c. ongoing growth of Certified Peer Specialists, including training and education opportunities
- 2. Address new challenges to service and resource access that has been exacerbated by COVID protocols and limited hours, as well as social anxieties that may be keeping people from physically seeking out services
- 3. Training and investment in technology infrastructure and telehealth for treatment – including when to recognize that remote treatment is not the best option for a client
- 4. Funding for additional staff and/or increased hours and other expenses related to the increased home visits for adult clients in Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
- 5. Affordable housing needs
 - a. address rising homelessness
 - b. resources for people who have been evicted, post COVID moratorium
 - c. increase locations that can take housing vouchers
 - d. general education for landlords and other community members regarding housing voucher program and other housing assistance
 - e. stigma
 - f. deferred maintenance
 - g. increase transportation options near existing affordable housing or increase affordable housing near existing transportation options
- 6. Increase crisis response
 - a. additional staffing
 - b. transition more staff from limited term employment (LTE) to full time employment (FTE)
 - c. increase on call employees
 - d. increase telehealth opportunities
- 7. Improve response time
- 8. Embedded mental health worker within law enforcement (pilot program currently in place)
- 9. Finding for crisis stabilization beds in the Mental Health Center if anticipated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are not approved

Attendees agreed that, due to the many overlapping needs from clients represented under both the MHAC and the Substance Use Advisory Committee (SUAC), it makes sense to have a joint presentation for the 2022 Community Prioritized Needs presentation.

4. 2022 Meeting Topic Ideas

Attendees discussed possible meeting ideas and came up with the following tentative schedule:

March: Crisis updates - Yauchler

April: CSP Report – Brad Haas

May: (joint meeting with CCS) WCTC campus updates (in general, suicide awareness and prevention, mental health needs, student accommodations) – Amy Machgan

June: Youth services/issues – Huber, Madden, Altizer to collaborate

July: Elderly services/issues – ADRC (Madden to reach out)

September: Housing Action Coalition?

October: Medical Clearances and 9-8-8 (tentative) – Yauchler
November: TBD

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

There was no HHS Board Liaison Report.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

Yauchler shared that Whole Health Clinical Group is assisting with crisis stabilization facilities and peer support case management. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding may be approved to fund some renovations in the Mental Health Center (MHC) which would increase capacity for in-patient facilities and crisis stabilization. If all goes well, some renovations may be seen in early 2022.

c. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee

Altizer shared that they are fully staffed in CCS Youth Program. Five Service Facilitators and one Clinical Therapist have been onboarded. The CCS Youth Program will also be posting a Quality Assurance (QA) position in early 2022. The program has begun accepting referrals in collaboration with ~~Wisconsin Community Services~~ Children's Long Term Waiver Services which is bringing the program closer to the creation of a central contact point.

d. Coordinated Services Team (CST)

Altizer stated that the CST meeting this week is focusing on diving into the role within the community and recruiting parents. A CST Outreach Coordinator is starting full time in January 2022, which will further be able to help serve families that do not qualify for CCS.

e. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County

There was no Peer Specialists of Waukesha County update.

f. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP) Report

Yauchler shared that the end of 2021 marks the end of the current 5-year CHIPP cycle. Areas of focus included mental health, suicide prevention, the opioid epidemic, and physical health and nutrition.

The new CHIPP cycle begins in 2023 and it is very likely that mental health will rise to the top along with the opioid crisis. The Heroin Task Force sub-committees have been restructured into action teams focused on Prevention, Harm Reduction, Treatment & Recovery, and Data & Reporting. The action teams have already begun meeting to review ideas generated at the June summit and to create initiatives. The second Community Gathering for the full task force will occur on December 7, not November 7 as stated at the previous MHAC meeting.

Madden added that the Waukesha Suicide Prevention Initiative has set their four virtual meetings for 2022. The specific dates will be shared at a later time.

7. Agency Updates / Announcements

There were no agency updates or announcements.

Machgan left at 2:40 p.m.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will focus on discussion of Community Priority Needs topics.

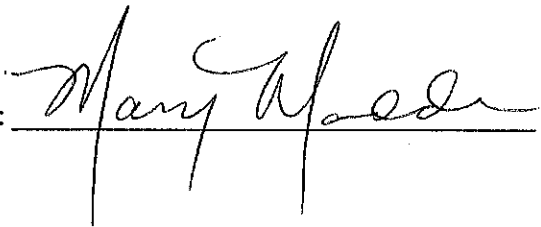
9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Stydahar moved, second by Hammer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tristin Bruno.

Minutes Were Approved:  Date: 2/21/22