



**Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Mental Health Committee Minutes
Monday, July 11, 2022**

Team Members Present:

Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Angie Wollenhaupt
Chris Bailey	Vicki Seibel-Garvey	Mandie Reedy
Jon Martin	Danielle Birdeau	Mary Madden

Team Members Absent:

Michelle Larsuel	Maura McMahon	Hon. Maria Lazar
------------------	---------------	------------------

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Jennifer Wrucke	Kirk Yauchler
Alex Klosterman		

Co-Chair Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Approve Minutes from April 11, 2022

Motion: Thompson moved, second by Bailey, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of April 11, 2022. Motion passed without a negative vote.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Crisis Stabilization Grant Implementation

Wrucke reported the following statistics:

- 37 people have been enrolled in the crisis stabilization program since inception
- Of those discharged, 70% had a discharge reason of “Goals met – stabilization no longer needed/improvement shown”
- 17 people are actively being worked with currently
- Average enrollment is 60 days

Waukesha County was recently awarded the State of Wisconsin’s Regional Crisis Stabilization Facility Grant, which will be used to operate the new program, once the space at the Mental Health Center has been remodeled.

In response to a question from Luczaj, Wrucke responded that law enforcement will be one of the referral sources for the crisis stabilization facility, but Crisis Services will still be responsible for screening and assessing all referrals.

Birdeau updated the group that a request for a 1-year no-cost extension for the grant has been submitted, but we are still awaiting word on whether it will be approved. If approved, the grant period will be extended to September 30, 2023.

Update on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Requests

Aldred announced that the ARPA funds will be utilized to redesign the Mental Health Center (MHC) inpatient unit into a 12-bed crisis stabilization unit and a 16-bed inpatient unit. The MHC inpatient unit population decrease is due to officially take place on August 1, 2022. The remodeling of the crisis stabilization space is scheduled to start this year, and the inpatient unit remodeling will start in 2023.

The MHC inpatient changes will ease a staffing shortage.

The MHC has had an Institute of Mental Disease (IMD) status; however, it prohibits HHS from being able to bill Medicaid for individuals between the ages of 18-64, thus having to provide services to those individuals at full cost. By decreasing the inpatient unit to 16-beds and removing the IMD status, Medicaid can now be billed for those services.

Crisis intervention and court services staff will be moved from the Outpatient Clinic at the Human Services Center to the MHC once the remodeling is complete.

Overview of January-June 2022 Crisis Services Outcomes

Wrucke provided the following statistics:

- 3,650 Crisis Contacts
 - Projected to be over 7,000 for the year, which is the highest in history. 2021 had just under 6,000 contacts
- 43% of the contacts involved law enforcement
- To date, 270 Emergency Detentions had been authorized for the year

Telehealth assessments have started this year and have been effective with youth.

Aldred added that another ARPA project request to add a crisis clinician at the Waukesha Police Department, Waukesha County Communications Center, and an additional clinician at the Sheriff's Department, is going through the approval process this month. This will allow crisis staff to intervene with those in crisis earlier in the process, such as when they call 9-1-1.

Madden suggested having the new embedded crisis clinicians attend an upcoming CIT training, so they hear what law enforcement is learning. Wrucke agreed that this would be beneficial.

Thompson expressed gratitude for the partnership and collaboration.

Update on Granite Hills Hospital Current Capacity and Referrals

Wrucke stated that one 15-bed unit is currently open; however, Yauchler hopes they will have a 30-bed capacity soon – dependent on staffing.

Waukesha County has had four people there so far on Chapter 51s – 3 Emergency Detentions, and 1 revocation.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) / Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) Training Update

Madden reported that retired Delafield Police Captain, Robert Hager, is the first full time Crisis Intervention Coordinator. He is currently getting certified through CIT International and will be responsible for scheduling all trainings.

The next CIT training, funded by ProHealth, will be held September 12 – 16, and is almost full.

An advanced youth-focused CIT training is being planned, using Youth Crisis Grant funding. Birdeau added that, thanks to having the Youth Crisis Grant for another five years, we will be able to offer Advanced CIT training two times per year.

The youth-focused training, along with an embedded Peer Specialist for youth, will help to address the youth calls that have doubled over the last year.

Madden mentioned that ProHealth has offered to fund a general CIP training, so they will be exploring that opportunity further.

Announcements

The United Waukesha Resiliency Center is being setup for victims of the Waukesha Christmas Parade Tragedy – NAMI has been selected to staff the Center. Once space is secured, there will be 2-4 staff, and will be available for victims through 2024, possibly 2025. The Center will help people access assistance and services such as behavioral health, victim advocacy, case management, legal needs, etc.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Motion: Madden moved, second by Thompson, to change the CJCC Mental Health Committee meeting schedule to every other month. Motion passed without a negative vote. The next meeting will be in September.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Birdeau moved, second by Madden, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.