

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)
March 15, 2021

Present MHAC Committee: TJ Findley (Vice Chair), Pauline Glainyk-Buehler, Shannon Hammer, Amanda Huber, Mary Madden (Chair), Rachel Sauer, Jena Scherer, Shannon Stydahar

Absent MHAC Committee: Susie Austin, Cathy Friend, Amy Machgan, Maura McMahon, Helen Prozeller

Absent HHS Board Liaison: Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Present HHS Staff Liaison: Brad Haas, Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Liz Aldred, Danielle Birdeau, Tristin Bruno, Mary Flynn, Brea Lopez, Janelle McClain, Holly Norkofski (proxy for McMahon), Vickie Smith

1. Call to Order

Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Findley moved, second by Stydahar, to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committees minutes of February 15, 2021. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

There was no committee business.

4. Community Needs Discussion for Annual 2021 HHS Board Presentation

Last week, the Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs, and HHS Staff Liaisons met to review the joint presentation, that will be given to the HHS Board on Thursday at approximately 3/3:15 p.m.

The needs that will be discussed include:

1. Room and Board for residential and transitional residential services
2. Continue to advance support to Crisis Stabilization, whether through a grant or Waukesha County funding opportunities
3. Address the shortage of affordable housing in Waukesha County

McClain will distribute the presentation to both committees' email listservs when completed.

5. Educational Presentation: HHS Clinical Services Counseling and Wellness Unit

Huber shared a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services Clinical Services Division – Outpatient Services; Counseling and Wellness Unit (CWU)."

6. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

There was no HHS Board report.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

The Clinical Services Division is currently in the process of hiring a Pediatric Prescriber for the CCS program, as well as continuing to recruit for Psychiatrists and APNPs for the Outpatient Clinic and the Mental Health Center.

The Outpatient Clinic has been focusing on returning to face-to-face services, unless the client has a concern that would require virtual options. Open Access will be resuming in-person services on March 29.

HHS leadership has begun the 2022 budget process.

A memo is being sent this week through Waukesha County's Corporation Counsel to local law enforcement agencies and hospitals stating that the Mobile Crisis unit is returning to mobile services as of March 29, although there may be some times that a telephonic report will be done in the event of a backlog.

In collaboration with NAMI, a successful Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training session was held last week for 29 officers.

c. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee

The CCS Coordinating Committee met earlier today. Some of the topics discussed included:

- CCS Recertification
- Moving toward face-to-face services
- CCS consumer survey results
- Presentation on Friendships

The next meeting will be the joint meeting with the MHAC in May.

d. Coordinated Services Team (CST)

The CST met last month and discussed how best to address the needs of the committee and increase family engagement.

The next meeting will be next week with a presentation on a new family services program.

e. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County

Birdeau reported that there will be a peer specialist position built into the Women's Health and Recovery Project (WHARP) grant. The position will be a county position

classified as a “Human Services Support Specialist.” The Peer Specialist will need to have experience with substance use.

f. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP) Report

The Heroin Task Force (HTF) will be started back up at the end of April or beginning of May, and will be initiative-driven workgroups versus pillars as it had been in the past. The HTF will also be focusing on shorter-term tasks for each calendar year versus long-term goals.

g. Suicide Prevention Initiative

The virtual quarterly meeting will be held tomorrow.

7. Agency Updates / Announcements

Yauchler provided background information regarding a letter from a Carroll University Nursing student that was distributed. Attendees confirmed that the need for mental health services for nursing professionals during the pandemic is being addressed in the Waukesha County community, perhaps more so than in other areas of the country. NAMI will work with area hospital systems to ensure that staff are receiving all the necessary and requested support.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) will be reopening as of April 5 and will gradually begin seeing people more often in person.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Inpatient Experience with Jeff Lewis and Dr. Salva

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Huber moved, second by Stydahar, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved April 19, 2021.