

OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC)
June 15, 2020

Present MHAC Committee: Susie Austin, Lauren Clark, Linda Cole (Co-Chair), TJ Findley (Vice Chair), Cathy Friend, Jessica Grzybowski, Shannon Hammer, Amanda Huber, Mary Madden (Co-Chair), Shannon Stydahar

Absent MHAC Committee: Amy Machgan, Maura McMahon, Helen Prozeller

Present HHS Board Liaison: Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Present HHS Staff Liaison: Brad Haas

Guests: Danielle Birdeau, John Kettler, Brea Lopez, Holly Norkofski (proxy for McMahon), Sofia Majid-Swanton (proxy for Machgan), Courtney McElmeel, Larry Nelson, Jena Scherer

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Madden called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion: Clark moved, second by Cole, to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committee minutes of February 17, 2020. Findley, Hammer, and Madden abstained. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

At the July meeting, attendees will be voting on the chair and vice chair positions, as well as 1/3 of the membership – all to take effect September 1, 2020.

4. Community Needs Discussion for Annual HHS Board Presentation (Held June 2, 2020)

Cole gave a brief update on the June 2 presentation given to the HHS Board.

Nelson added that there is a meeting on June 28 prior to meeting with the County Executive regarding sharing the needs. Nelson forwarded the information to the HHS Committee and the County Executive and County Board Chair.

5. Open Discussion: How has COVID-19 Affected Your Organization and Delivery of Services?

Attendees shared how the COVID-19 pandemic affected their organization and delivery of services. Some of the common themes included:

- Meeting with clients via platforms such as Zoom and Facebook, as well as phone discussions.
- Organizations are starting to resume in-person services while exercising a lowered capacity in programs and meetings due to social distancing requirements.

- There has been a notable increase in overdoses, suicides, and domestic violence situations.

Birdeau reported that HHS submitted an application for a supplemental mental health grant including requesting costs for Friendships funding, and received a reward to fund Friendships services from March to September, 2020.

6. Reports

a. HHS Board Liaison Report

The HHS Board met on June 2 for the Unmet/Prioritized Needs presentations. This was the first HHS Board meeting since February.

b. HHS Staff Liaison Report

Providers can continue to utilize the Waukesha County COVID-19 website for the latest information (www.waukeshacounty.gov/covid19).

For anyone interested in Open Access, they can either obtain the paperwork on the HHS internet page or from the HHS receptionist. Once the paperwork has been returned to HHS, they will be contacted to set up a meeting.

Kirk Yauchler was hired as HHS's new Clinical Services Division Manager, the position held by Joan Sternweis prior to her retirement.

HHS leadership staff have been working on the Waukesha County 2021 budget process that is currently underway.

c. Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordinating Committee

The CCS Coordinating Committee has not met during the pandemic. The next meeting is in July.

d. Coordinated Services Team (CST)

CST will be meeting next week Wednesday for the first time since February.

e. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County

The Peer Specialists of Waukesha County have not met since February.

f. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP) Report

The last CHIPP meeting was cancelled. CHIPP is part of a Public Health initiative; however, Public Health has been focused on COVID-19.

g. Suicide Prevention Initiative

The next meeting will be held in July. Attendees will debrief the Find Your Strength NAMI event that will be held on June 30, discuss the services that have been offered from the Elmbrook school system, and share updated suicide statistics.

The Mental Health Connection (www.mentalhealthconnection.life) has been updated, allowing for virtual Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training, as well as many other services.

NAMI held five virtual QPR trainings in May for Mental Health Awareness Month. Three of the sessions had the maximum of 25 attendees; in-person trainings average 10-15 attendees.

7. Agency Updates / Announcements

NAMI will be holding a free livestream on Saturday from 3-5pm for Blue Jean Bingo. The silent auction portion will be held virtually, and the livestream will include a band playing. NAMI Waukesha's webpage has additional information.

8. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- HHS's Counseling and Wellness Unit presentation

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Cole moved, second by Hammer, to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved: July 20, 2020.