

**Waukesha County
Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting
March 16, 2015**

Present: Helen Prozeller, Mary Lodes, Maura McMahon, Karen McCue, Terry Findley, Shannon Hammer, Corrine Gresen, John Kettler, Linda Cole, Mary Madden, Colleen Gonzales, Laurie Kohler, Joan Sternweis, Danielle Birdeau, Marybeth VanderMale

1. Call to order

Mary Madden, Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Committee brought the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Introductions were exchanged amongst the committee members present.

2. Educational Segment – Denise Stimart, Waukesha Housing Authority

Mary Madden reported that the educational segment for today will be presented by Denise Stimart and Sue from the Waukesha Housing Authority. Currently the Waukesha Housing Authority is issuing vouchers off of their waiting list. All of their waiting lists are closed, with the exception of Saratoga Heights, due to volume on the list. There is currently over 2000 on the section 8 voucher list.

Denise informed the group that the Waukesha Housing Authority owns 264 public housing units, which are separate from the housing choice voucher program. Out of 264 housing units, 114 are for the elderly, near elderly and disabled population; 9 are group homes; two are four bedroom units for HIV patients; and four or five are transitional housing units for those with mental health issues.

Over the past year, Denise noted that she has had to evict three or four residents with mental illness because they were not able to follow the rules of the lease. Fair Housing /HUD rules are a one size fits all program and there is no flexibility for the Waukesha Housing Authority. Under regulations, the Waukesha Housing Authority can utilize a reasonable accommodation. For example, if a resident has an alcohol issue and they are served an eviction, the resident can go to Denise or Susan and come up with a very detailed plan. Essentially, if there is a police call or a creditable complaint is reported, the resident will be evicted. Currently, Denise has two residents with a plan.

Recently Susan sent out new emergency contact form. They added a few more questions asking “Do you have a case worker?”, “When is the last time you saw your case worker?”, and “What health problems might you have?” They were handed out on Thursday and a majority of the forms were completed and returned. Denise noted that if they start seeing signs that something is not right, they can make the phone call prior to first notice. Mary Lodes asked if they have a ProHealth Care nurse and Susan stated yes, and she has her own office there. If there is a concern, the nurse is trying to assist the residents. It was noted that maybe the Mental Health Advisory Committee can provide Jenny with a one-stop shop for residents.

A suggestion was made that the Mental Health Advisory Committee will create a brochure for the Waukesha Housing Authority that can be handed to residents.

3. Review and approval of February 16, 2015 minutes

MOTION: Mary Lodes made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2015, second by Colleen Gonzales.

4. Subcommittee reports

a. Board Liaison Report – Mary Lodes

Mary Lodes announced that this week the Health and Human Services Board will be meeting twice on Thursday and Friday.

b. CCS Coordinating Committee – Danielle Birdeau

Danielle Birdeau reported that the CCS Coordinating Committee met just prior to this meeting and she provided a brief update of CCS expansion and some staff shifts. As well, she provided an update on the implementation of electronic health record and how this will have a direct impact on how we will interact with consumers. A third update was a discussion on how we will want to have a more robust system to collect surveys from those participating in the CCS program.

c. COP Report – Danielle Birdeau

Danielle Birdeau stated she would like to defer this to next month as there is nothing specific at this time.

d. Peer Specialist Committee of Waukesha County – Terry Findley

Terry Findley updated the group that the Peer Specialist Committee met to finalize the flyer which will have the educational segments and meetings for the rest of the year. Danielle Birdeau stated they briefly talked about the recently published Peer Specialist documents from the State of Wisconsin.

e. CHIPP

Mary Madden stated that she is receiving information regarding Emergency Detentions from Corporation Counsel. Currently she only receives reports of EDs that are dismissed or receive settlement agreements where they did not go to commitment.

f. Partnerships for Children’s Mental Health – Laurie Kohler

Laurie Kohler updated the group that the Partnerships for Children’s Mental Health serves a dual purpose which is the CST coordinating committee for the services provided for children in multiple systems of care and the larger community partners, including families, that participate to identify unmet needs. This group is spending a lot of time talking about providing education, as well as reconnecting and finding about what is in the community.

5. Old Business

a. Pharmacy Report – Joan Sternweis

Joan Sternweis reported that Genoa Pharmacy opened Wednesday of last week. They are open to anyone who has a Waukesha County prescribing provider and a client at the Mental Health Center or Health and Human Services. Currently, referrals are coming in and this will offer clients the ease of filling their prescriptions before leaving building which is

appealing. As of July 1st, all clients on the red stamp program will be going through Genoa Pharmacy.

b. CIT Report – Mary Madden

Mary Madden updated the group that there will be a Youth Crisis Intervention Partners training on April 20th and 21st. On May 12th and 13th, there will be two-day Crisis Intervention Partners training for jail staff which will be opened to others. Starting May 18th, there will be a week long CIT training.

6. New Business

Mary Madden discussed the unmet needs that the committee will be putting forth to the Health and Human Services board. There are eight unmet needs that will be presented and three of the unmet needs will be presented jointly with the AODA Advisory Committee. These are all in draft form.

1. Access to Service: To continue, and expand, the ability to provide quality services and accessibility to services in a timely manner across the lifespan.
2. To continue the array of medications that are available to Waukesha County residents including medication assisted treatment for opiate users to enhance a proactive implementation of services.
3. Support the reallocation of a half-time benefit specialist from the Aging and Disability Resource Center to the Outpatient Clinic for the purpose of assisting people that come to the Clinic with applying for insurance benefits. Joan Sternweis noted that this item will need to be rewritten. This is a plan to fix the need.
4. To ensure that all contract agencies receive an increase to cover a cost of living adjustment and increase staff time for those contracts that are managing the newly imposed documentation standards associated with Comprehensive Community Services, Community Recovery Services, and increased compliance monitoring.
5. Expand employment opportunities by Certified Peer Specialists and provide one peer specialist course per year and ongoing continuing education opportunities. The priority will be to adopt a peer specialist training program that is integrated for mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse.
6. Provide one 40 hour Crisis Intervention Training for 30 patrol offices to include stipends paid to departments to cover department costs for sending personnel. Incorporating a session to training patrol offices regarding the use of Narcan for opiate overdose as well as issues specific to youth and young adults experiencing a psychiatric crisis.
7. Optimize the opportunities the Governor's budget may bring to increase CCS services including those for children and to continue to allocate all CCS revenue to continue delivery of mental health services.
8. Identify opportunities and foster community collaboration to provide ongoing education and outreach regarding mental illness and substance abuse issues across the lifespan.

It was determined by the group that everyone will meet at 1:00 PM. The AODA Advisory committee will present at 1:15 PM and the Mental Health Advisory Committee will present at 2:15 PM.

Mary Lodes updated the group that Wisconsin Public Education is requiring education on Heroin and Opiate usage and Shaken Baby Syndrome.

7. Other

Joan Sternweis stated that in an upcoming meeting they will need to look at the membership criteria to meet the COP requirement.

8. Adjourn

Corrine Gresen made a motion, seconded by Linda Cole to adjourn the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maureen Erb

Minutes were approved Mary Lodes Date 4/20/15