

**Waukesha County Mental Health Center**  
**Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting (MHAC)**

**February 20, 2017**

**Present MHAC Committee:** Jennifer Cera, Linda Cole, Terry Findley, Cathy Friend, Colleen Gonzalez, Brad Haas, John Kettler, Mary Lodes, Mary Madden, Karen McCue, Helen Prozeller, Joan Sternweis, Shannon Stydahar

**Excused:** Danielle Birdeau, Laurie Kohler, Kathy Mack, Maura McMahon, Mike O'Brien, Becky Stark, Marybeth VanderMale

**Guests:** Shannon Hammer, Lisa Riggle, Alison Noyes

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Linda Cole called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. Introductions were exchanged among the committee members and guests present.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Motion: Karen McCue moved, second by Mary Lodes to approve the meeting minutes of January 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Madden arrived at 1:34 p.m.

**3. Unmet Needs Discussion**

Lodes suggested having a list of priorities when presenting. Since not everything is an "unmet need," but rather, some of the issues are "continuous needs," the committee discussed renaming the topic. After some discussion, the decision was that "2018 MHAC Prioritized Community Needs" would best fit the presentation. John Kettler will talk to the AODA Advisory Committee at their meeting tomorrow about paralleling the name.

The presentation allows the committee to inform the department of what they need to keep on their radar, such as if private agencies have changed their services and it affects what the county offers.

Cathy Friend arrived at 1:53 p.m.

Kettler complimented the Mobile Crisis Unit for stepping up and handling the changes that came out in 2015. Crisis can work across the continuum of care. Having someone that has been around for a while is beneficial, and allows us to offer continuity of care.

Madden feels that the Peer Specialist Training will be highly competitive once it finally comes out later this year. Funds that were set up for the training were redistributed to other training needs. The updated training will include an AODA track. Peer Specialists will then be trained on both topics, but will need to say which they prefer to work in – Mental Health or AODA.

Madden, Joan Sternweis, and Mary Smith of the ADRC division will meet to discuss callers being sent to NAMI that should be handled by ADRC.

Open Access has been going smoothly for the therapists, and will be starting for the doctors in March/April.

The respite center is being discussed in other committees as well. Some clients feel that there are no other safe resources available to them other than the inpatient unit.

The committee would also like to look at addressing children in crisis, and getting them help.

The 2018 MHAC Prioritized Community Needs list is as follows:

- Sustainability for 24/7 mobile crisis
  - 1 FTE permanent position
  - Service – Continuity/Training
- Peer Specialist Training left on there
- Cost to continue for contract agencies
- Continue the array of medications (with AODA)
- Psychiatry needs leaving on there (with AODA)
- Open Access and ready-accessibility to those services
- Develop a quality crisis stabilization service as an alternative to hospitalization
- Funding for data analysis
- Recovery programming for young adults (ages 16-25)

There is also a need for data analysis for our existing programs to show what is being offered and the progress that is being made.

#### **4. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair**

We missed our nomination period, which should be in November, so we will have a vote for Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting. If you are interested, e-mail Mary Madden and Janelle McClain. McClain will e-mail duties of both positions when e-mailing the agenda and minutes prior to the next meeting.

Madden and Cole have served the maximum allowed time period, per the bylaws.

#### **5. HHS Staff Liaison Report – Joan Sternweis/John Kettler**

John Kettler reminded the committee that the overflow shelter on Northview is open until April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The WI PDO Grant project will include having the mobile crisis staff get in touch with overdose situations, as oftentimes, drug overdoses are linked with mental health issues.

An advanced nurse practitioner and a psychiatrist are starting soon.

#### **6. Sub-Committee Reports**

**a. Board Liaison Report – Mary Lodes**

Kettler reported that the meeting last Thursday was a combination of the HHS Board and Committee.

The WI PDO Grant ordinance was accepted.

There is a major campaign underway for increasing foster care homes in Waukesha County.

**b. CCS Coordinating Committee – Danielle Birdeau**

No report.

**c. Peer Specialist Committee of Waukesha County – Cathy Friend**

No meeting report, however, Sternweis mentioned that Mike Johannes from the Veteran's Services Office would be interested in a joint effort with other groups, such as the AODA Volunteers, to offer services.

**d. Community Health Improvement Planning Process (CHIPP) Report – Mary Madden**

Madden reported that the group, largely led by Public Health, have held a few meetings. They are still working on developing specific work groups for different health initiatives.

**e. Partnerships for Children's Mental Health – Laurie Kohler**

No meeting report, however Madden reported that a Youth Crisis Intervention Partner (CIP) training occurred last week, and was very successful with 23 officers. There are two more Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trainings scheduled, in May and September of this year, and both are full with 30 officers.

**7. Ongoing Business / Community Initiatives**

There will be a Suicide Awareness and Prevention Task Force Meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 at the Mental Health Center.

**8. Agency Updates / Announcements**

Madden would like to congratulate the following for awards they will be receiving from NAMI:

- HHS to receive the community service award for their work with the 24/7 mobile crisis and for same day access.
- Rebecca Luczaj to receive special recognition for her work with CJCC.
- Judge Domina to receive special recognition for his work with Chapter 51.

The Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder and Other Developmental Disabilities will be having a free webinar hosted at WCTC for those with mental health challenges and are on the autism spectrum. It will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Colleen Gonzales will send the information to McClain to distribute to the committee.

**9. New Business**

No new business.

**10. Other**

No other business.

**11. Adjourn**

Motion: Prozeller moved, second by Stydahar, to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.