

**Waukesha County Mental Health Center  
Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting (MHAC)  
June 20, 2016**

**Present MHAC Committee:** Danielle Birdeau, Marybeth VanderMale, Brad Haas, Shannon Stydahr, Joan Sternweis, Linda Cole, Bridget Ellingboe, Maura McMahon, Colleen Gonzalez, Hellen Prozeller, Jessica Grzybowski,

**Excused:** Laurie Kohler, Mary Lodes, Will Emslie, Cynthia Lilley, Jen Cera, Karen McCue, Mary Madden

**Guests:** Bridget Ellingboe, Sarah Spaeth

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Cole. Introductions were exchanged amongst the committee members present.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Birdeau moved, second by VanderMale to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016.

MOTION: Birdeau moved, second by VanderMale to approve the minutes of April 18, 2016

MOTION: Birdeau moved, second by VanderMale to approve the minutes of May 16, 2016 with correction noted on page 2, 3b. CCS, change wording to First Episode Psychosis.

**3. Legislative Update**

Spaeth is the Legislative Policy Advisor for the Waukesha County Board Office and the liaison between the County Board and State Legislators. Waukesha County contracts with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) and the National Counties Association (NACO). WCA has three lobbyists on staff that develop policy positions through a board of directors and steering committees. The County works with the lobbyists to let them know the county's position, keep track of all legislative proposals going on, and obtains feedback internally from the department on certain proposals. This information is shared with WCA to write letters to legislators of the county's position and to keep staff apprised of bills requiring outreach.

Spaeth reported the legislators in Madison are not in and work in two year legislative sessions. The odd year is spent on the budget. In 2017, new legislative individuals will be sworn in, the governor will present his budget in February/early March 2017, the Joint Finance will begin to meet and review the budget, and in the odd year the Budget has to be passed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time a legislative committee meeting will be held with focus on the budget, break for summer months, and reconvene in fall for a legislative session. In even years, a short legislative session will happen during the winter months. In CY2016, the assembly adjourned in February and the senate adjourned in March. No new activity has been reported or is anticipated for the remainder of the calendar year. Spaeth shared a chart listing all of the eighteen legislators that represent Waukesha County.

Spaeth briefly touched on the June 14, 2016 Speaker's Task Force on Alzheimer's and Dementia report. 10 bills in the Wisconsin Cares Legislative package; 3 passed, 7 did not pass thru the senate. The three bills that passed include: Act Bill 272, Act Bill 273, and Act Bill 274. The other 7 bills will be reintroduced in 2017. An additional package of bills entitled "Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis

Act" just passed out of committee and will be going to the house floor. This package of bills provides incentives for funding assisted outpatient treatment for patients with a long history of posing danger to self or others.

A question and answer period followed. The group was happy to hear report provided and welcomed Spaeth back to a future meeting.

#### 4. Sub-Committee Reports

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

In Lodes's absence, Sternweis reported the Health and Human Services department will present their proposed budget on July 15, 2016 to the Health and Human Services Board.

b. **CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) Coordinating Committee – Danielle Birdeau**

Birdeau reported the Mental Health Center completed and received its two-year certification from the Department of Quality Assurance (DQA) on-site survey with no noted citations. The CCS Program applies each year to renew certification of its license. DQA only does the on-site review every two years unless there is a death or severe complaint. The last meeting of the CCS Committee was in May as part of a combined meeting the AODA advisory committee. Birdeau reported the group will be working on setting up an event for the annual satisfaction survey.

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

In Friend's absence, Birdeau reported on a prior Peer Specialist Committee meeting where the group provided feedback on the new guidelines and standards peer specialist document asked by the State Recovery Implementation Task Force Peer Specialist Committee. The state was appreciative of the direct feedback provided. Certified Peer Specialists will not have to recertify once the new guidelines and standards are published, but will have to renew every two years. Some new guidelines include specific continuing education areas that must be complied with. Certification exams for testing and training of parent peer specialists are close to finalizing.

d. **CHIPP (Community Health Improvement Progress Programs) Report – Mary Madden**

No Report.

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

In Kohler's absence, Birdeau reported the next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2016.

#### 5. Old Business

#### 6. New Business

Prozeller brought to the attention of the committee members that beginning in 2017, Waukesha County Health and Human Services will not be offering a sliding fee schedule for services received at Health and Human Services outpatient clinic or inpatient services at the Mental Health Center. Prozeller expressed her thoughts that not all insurance companies cover mental health services; thus the burden of paying the full cost of services out-of-pocket. Sternweis indicated a notification letter will be mailed to clients.

Prozeller also questioned what is being done to obtain more providers to cover Waukesha County mental health services. Sternweis noted that Waukesha County is very conscious of following the rules of all insurance companies. Hass indicated that insurance companies only take a limited number of applicants and they do look at an individual's type of license held. Sometimes there are special circumstances around hardship and with people going to out of network providers. The department will continue to offer a payment scale and ones ability to pay slowly over time. Once informational materials are printed, the Department will work in developing continuity by offering an admissions specialist and training for case managers about what the changes mean so they can be as knowledgeable as possible.

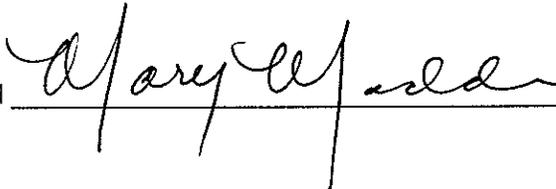
The expansion of crisis services is ongoing. Currently offer mobile crisis intervention 7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (midnight). Several staff are on duty depending on shift activity. The new mandate goes into effect July 1, 2016, that a crisis assessment directly with the subject of an emergency detention be conducted prior. The department is looking at ways to staff and fund mobile crisis around the clock. Police have been involved in an interactive meeting. Feedback received from jurisdictions has been positive and supportive. Law enforcement can call the Mental Health Center unit number at 262-548-7986, or call 211, 24 hours a day. Crisis services are billed to the patient or to the patient's insurance.

**Other**

**7. Adjourn**

Stydahar made a motion, second by Prozeller to adjourn the combined meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Johnson.

Minutes were approved  Date 8/15/16