

## CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

July 19, 2019

Sherburne County Government Center – Maple Room A & B (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Chair: Krissy Eich Schwartz

Vice Chair: Tracy Hinz

Present	Name	Membership
X	Mary Jo Cobb	Sherburne County – representative
	Barbara Burandt	Sherburne County – alternate
	Spencer Buerkle	Benton County – alternate
X	Robert Cornelius	Benton County – representative
X	Melissa Huberty	Stearns County – representative
	Steve Notch	Stearns County – alternate
X	Jill Pooler	Wright County – alternate
X	Jami Goodrum Schwartz	Wright County – representative
	Tracy Hinz, VC	At large – representative
X	Lori Long	Consumer – representative
X	Krissy Eich, Chair	Provider – representative

Other attendees:

X (phone)	Gloria Smith	DHS
X	Peggy Koscielniak	Benton County fiscal agent
X	Bethany Oberg	Initiative Coordinator
X	Maureen Wilkus	Sherburne County – ex officio
X	Sandi Shoberg	Benton County – ex officio
X	Julie Ellis	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
	Chad Bosl	Stearns County
	Jennifer Rocheleau Dorholt	CMMHC
	Robin Matushin	CMMHC
	Cathy LaGow	CMMHC
	Dr. Richard Lee	CMMHC

**Call to order:** 10:33 am

**Introductions:** All

**Amend or Accept Agenda:**

Jami made a motion to approve agenda; Mary Jo seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes from May 2, 2019:**

Mary Jo made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2nd meeting; Robert seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial:** Peggy

Peggy gave updates on the financial report. Robert made a motion to approve the financial report; Jami seconded motion. Motion carried.

**Unspent Dollars Budget:** Bethany/Ex-Officios

Typically, some line items are overspent and some underspent but they generally even out.

- Last few years almost all the grant dollars were spent (going back to 2014).
- Have had \$265k in a hold account for years.
  - Consider budgeting at 105%, if we go over, we can dip into the hold account.
  - Challenges are not knowing how some programs will be utilized.

Ideas for utilizing dollars:

- DAT Bed, savings for next year will be around \$7,000 due to insurance changes for the coordinator.
- Wright County had phenomenal results utilizing the DAT bed program. They kept detailed record of the outcome to show how successful the program was in an attempt to continue receiving money for the program.
  - Look into expanding that to all 4 counties.
  - Not just housing but also other unmet needs (pet care, food, etc.).
  - Some counties house residents from other counties in their jails, those populations will need to be taken into account.
  - Use housing allocation to determine which county gets what percentage of monies from the grant.
  - RAP (Release Assistance Planning).
    - Lori Long asked if can we partner with the jails to the money to serve more people?
- Questions/Challenges;
  - Do we have 1 or 2 people for all 4 county jails?
    - That creates issues with data privacy, entering jails in another county.
    - Or do we individualize it for each county?
  - Determined that it would be best for each county to have their own plan, would save more money and time spent traveling.
    - Counties will work together to have similar plans but specialized for each county's needs.
  - One contract will cover all 4 counties.
    - Benton county legal department would cover costs for the contract.
    - Mary Jo made motion to make DAT Line Item money (\$170,820) go to jail services in 4 counties. Melissa seconded. Motion carried.
    - Will have the language be broad since some counties offer DA services and others do not. Therefore, counties can use the dollars how they are needed.
    - Lori Long would like to help with helping to allocate where the money goes.

Items 4, 5, and 6 on the agenda we are not able to do per DHS regulations.

Item 2 (National Council for Behavioral Health Conference):

- Dr. Lee highlighted the benefit of this conference.
- Estimating high, the cost for 5 people going is \$15,000.
  - Lori doesn't see that sending ex-officios directly helps our clients, she would like to see the money actually going to citizens.
  - Most of our contact is with the professional working with clients, rather than us working directly.
  - She doesn't think it's an appropriate use of the dollars, since it's not going directly to clients.
  - The philosophy behind CAMHI is to directly help the clients, she does not feel that going to the conference directly helps clients.
  - Melissa thinks we should consider where the money should come from, directly from the county rather than CAMHI budget?
    - Melissa brought up that if we're sending unused dollars back to the state, she'd rather spend it on the conference.

- Diane indicated that they really talked about just paying for the registration fee and not pay for flight/hotel, etc. The ex-officios thoroughly discussed all aspects of costs, discussed ALL of the options.
- Look at early bird registration and review again in November. Will review how to spend any extra dollars then.

#### Number 7 (App):

- Bethany spoke with someone who creates apps, since we already have a lot of information on our website, they can tie it into an app quite easily and update both at the same time
- Colleges sometimes have projects that their student have to complete, we could possibly have them done at no charge by students.
- Web site needs to be cleaned up prior app development.
  - Needs to be updated regardless of app as there may be many resources that are no longer in business or phone numbers that are no longer active.

#### Enhancement to Other Programs:

Policy changes to lessen restrictions (like Flex). Potentially going to overspend that line item, will the board approve overspending that line item and if so, what would be the dollar cap? (see the Policy 1001 Flex Funds updates) Looking at taking some items out (cap on bus passes, pet care, etc.). Making the Flex funds more general and less restrictive. Cleaning up policy to reflect what the form states to ensure they are consistent with each other. Jami moved to approve changes. Melissa seconded. Motion approved.

Vocational Services – Krissy updated. Would board consider funding a person to manage and supervise the program?

GLORIA – Gave an update on the AMHI Reform and that it will not take affect with the 2021-2022 grant cycle as originally thought/planned. The team working on it has found that more research into it needs to happen. It was a lot of information to come up with a formula for budgeting. For now, it's not going to happen and it being pushed back to potentially take affect for the 2023-2024 grant cycle. The state is looking at excluding SPMI language for the state of MN for the AMHI funds; opening it up to SMI. Gloria to share the information after the state decides if they will be updating/adjusting that language.

#### **Flex Funds Policy Update:** Bethany

Bethany handed out the proposed changes. This item will be tabled until the Unspent Dollars meeting in July has happened.

#### **Next Meeting:**

- Joint Powers Board: September 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm - Sherburne County Government Center – Maple Room A & B (1<sup>st</sup> Floor).
- Joint Powers Board: November 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm – Sherburne County Government Center – Maple Room A & B (1<sup>st</sup> Floor).
- Joint Powers Board: December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm – Sherburne County Government Center – Maple Room, A & B (if needed)

#### **Adjournment:**

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.