

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative
Advisory Committee
 October 5, 2017

Voting Members Present: 11
 Quorum Required: 8

Representative	"X" = Present	Stakeholder	Alternate	"X" = Present
		CSP – Sherburne/Wright		
Kelly, James	X	CBHH	Kragenbring, Mark	
Wilkus, Maureen		Sherburne County		
Danda, Julie	X	Vocational Stearns/Benton	Gaedy, Maureen	
Erkens, Diane	X	Wright County	Miller, Michelle	
Fluey, Kathryn	X	Sherburne County Comm. Adv.-V. Chair	(Vacant)	
Grand, Jill		VRS – Sherburne/Wright	Krukenberg, Hillary	
Hagfors, Marsha		Benton County Community Adv.	(Vacant)	
Anderson, Dale		CSP – Stearns/Benton	Sheehan, Meg	X
Hinz, Tracy	X	MHC – Sherburne/Wright - Chair	(Vacant)	
Johnson, Rick		Benton County Community		
Knop-LaPlant, Sheila		Wright County Community Advocate		
Lee, Dr. Richard		MHC – Stearns/Benton	Rocheleau Dorholt, Jennifer	
Long, Lori	X	Stearns County Community	Brown, Polly	
Mikes, Emilie		Community Based Services	Ringstad, Ken	
Eich, Krissy	X	Vocational Sherburne/Wright	Smith, Henry	
Pine, Mary Jo	X	VA Medical Center	Hovland, Vonni	
Ellis, Julie		Stearns County	Harren, Candace	X
Shoberg, Sandi	X	Benton County	Koscielniak, Peggy	
Bershok, Joel		St. Cloud Hospital	Walker, Chris	
Wittrock, Skip		VRS – Stearns/Benton	Othwaite, Jessica	

Ex- officio members		
Bernstein, Faye		DHS
Oberg, Bethany	X	Initiative Coordinator

Other attendees		
Starkka, Kathy		Buffalo Hospital
Tregaskis, William		Buffalo Hospital

		Other attendees
Shamp, Melinda		Wellness in the Woods
Jaeger, Amanda		Wellness in the Woods
Ruhoff, Nicole		Benton County
Carter, Amy	X	Rise, Inc.
Steinhofer, Nicole	X	Rise, Inc.
Alf, Thomas		New IRT Update
Pellaton, Brandon		Monticello Hospital
Keeville, Samantha		Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
Geonner, Kylie	X	Central MN Counsel on Aging
Twingstrom, Andrea		Monticello Hospital
Scout, Jill		
Vanskly, Shannon		Resource
Peterson, Monica		DHS

Call to order:

Tracey Hinz, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The mission statement was read and introductions were made.

Current Agenda:

Motion made by Lori Long to approve the agenda and seconded by Kathyne Fluey. The agenda was approved.

Minutes – August 3, 2017:

Motion made by Diane Erkens to approve the meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by second Julie Danda. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Bethany

Grants are at 43% for end of September, which is 67% of the year. There was discussion on flex funds which are still available. Lori Long made a motion to approve the financial report. Diane Erkens seconded the motion and the motion carried.

RFP Update: Bethany

Three RFPs were sent out in August. Goodwill Easter Seals and Functional Industries will continue to be providers. Wellness in the Woods will be added as a provider starting January 2018.

At Large Joint Powers Board Member – Bethany

The Joint Powers Board has chosen Tracy Hinz is the new At Large Board Member.

Beautiful Mind Project – Mark Van Herr

This non-profit organization was established 3 years ago. A fund-raising effort is underway to raise \$125,000 for the addition of urgent care services to handle crisis mental health issues. The

organization averages 25-30 appointments per week. The organization has a goal of seeing clients (both children and adults) within 48 hours. Currently there are two providers, Seal Dwyer Counseling and Cook Counseling, both located in St. Cloud. The future plan to is to expand services to all four counties. The reimbursement rate and number of clients seen is determined by the providers. Insurance is accepted but is not required for service.

Wellness in the Woods: Todd Kuikka

No report at this time.

Consumer Advocates: Bethany

2 year terms. Alternate Benton, Wright, Stearns, Sherburne. Benton and Wright end of this year. Bethany requested letters of interest by 10/15. December, MH Supers will make recommendations based on letters received.

CommUNITY Mental Health Initiative Committee and Grant: Updates

- a. Housing Coordination – Meg summarized the Housing Coordination Report for August and September. (See handout for details.)
- b. Vocational Grant – Krissy summarized the four-county vocational grant report for third quarter. The report reflects Functional Industries and Goodwill combined. (See handout for details.)
- c. Anti-Stigma Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming events, including Take Back the Night, NAMI, and Project Connect. The workgroup meets the last Wednesday of each month.
- d. Training Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming training topics which include schizophrenia and grief and loss during the holiday season. Training session turnout has been good.
- e. Peer Mentoring – Meg summarized the program transition from HOPE to Wellness in the Woods. (See handout for details.)

Community Based Mental Health Services: Updates

- a. IRTS – Tracy reported 8 beds were occupied.
- b. ACT – Tracy reported that a new team leader has been selected and other positions have been posted for the new ACT team. Services will start in December 1. The St. Cloud team had 69 clients and the Monticello team had 81 clients during the month of August.
- c. Crisis Response Team: Average 2.61 clients per day.
- d. Crisis Bed Program: Had a 52.25% occupancy rate.
- e. Inpatient:
 - i. St. Cloud Hospital: No updates.
 - ii. Buffalo Hospital: No updates.
 - iii. Monticello Hospital: No updates.
- f. V.A.: Mary Jo shared handouts on events and initiatives, as well as lists of contacts. There have been staff changes in several areas including the Homeless Program and a new Medical Chief of Staff. Some client services are being provided via video appointment from locations in other states. Some VA Hospitals are at full capacity, so the St. Cloud location is providing service to clients from outside the area.

VA events and services include: Stand Up event and a Stand Down event planned for this fall, Legal Advice Clinic, Recovery Night, Vocational Rehab Services, Suicide Risk Management Consultation (open to the public), National Disability Employment, Intimate Partner Violence Awareness Month, VA Health Care 101 including Veteran Services

Contact Information and VA Career Fair.

- g. CBHH: James summarized the 2-day conference held for service providers. CBHH is making structural upgrades and remodeling plumbing to meet standards.
- h. V.R.S:
- i. Website: Bethany encouraged attendees to submit events or stories for the website. There is a form on the website that, when completed, is submitted to Bethany.

Open Forum:

- a. VA Police Chief is leaving.
- b. VA spot checks with canines – there has been an increase in contraband.

Adjourn

Motion made by Sandi Shoberg to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Krissy Eich. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Next meeting is December 7, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Wright County Law Enforcement Center Community Room.