

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

March 3, 2022

Sherburne History Center & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Chair: Tracy Hinz

Vice Chair: Jami Goodrum

Present	Name	Membership
X	Tony Masters	Sherburne County – representative
	Barbara Burandt	Sherburne County – alternate
	Steve Heinen	Benton County – alternate
	Sandi Shoberg	Benton County – representative
X	Julie Ellis	Stearns County – representative
	Steve Notch	Stearns County – alternate
X	Jill Pooler	Wright County – alternate
X	Jami Goodrum, VC	Wright County – representative
X	Tracy Hinz, Chair	At large – representative
X	Polly Brown	Consumer – representative
X	Julie Danda	Agency - representative

Other attendees:

X	Peggy Koscielniak	Benton County fiscal agent
X	Bethany Oberg	Initiative Coordinator
X	Victoria Johannes	Sherburne County – ex officio
X	Nikki Knowles	Benton County – ex officio
X	Leslie Young	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
	Jodi Heurung-Dick	Sherburne County
X	Robin Matu	CMMHC

Call to order: 3:01 pm

Introductions: All

Amend or Accept Agenda:

Julie E. made a motion to approve agenda; Jami seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes from January:

Julie D. made a motion to accept the minutes; Jami seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

New Crisis Center Update: Tracy Hinz and Robin Matushin

Robin shared the blueprints of the new Behavioral Health Center. They are aiming for May 1 occupancy. The new building is double in size, increasing from 5 to 9 bedrooms and each will be single rooms. Detox will have their own entrance separate from the crisis area and will have 8 rooms with 2 people per room for a total of 16 beds. They will have an open house prior to admitting patients.

Financial Report: Peggy Koscielniak
Peggy shared the financial update.

Julie E. made a motion to accept the financial report; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Unspent 2021 Dollars Reallocation Ideas Discussion: Bethany/Ex-Officios
Received \$29,000 back in unspent dollars that will need to be spent by the end of this year.

The Ex-Officios revisited the 2022 Budget and reviewed the ideas that had been earmarked should any unallocated dollars become available.

- Tracy would like to see a portion be allocated to mini grants
 - Jill agrees and thinks it helps providers use the money for innovative items
 - Julie E. would like priority to go to culturally specific proposals
 - Tracy would like to see 2 rounds of mini grants, one in July and one in November
 - Bethany said that since this is the end of our grant cycle, prefers it be prior to November
- Tony would like to see a portion go towards translation services for resource guides
- Jami said that the Buffalo Strong group is looking for speakers to help with de-stigmatization for mental health. Awareness/employer training to help recognize escalated mental health
- Julie E. shared Mental Health First Aid Kit training <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/>
- Julie E. also thinks the transportation piece is really important

Translation, transportation, and mini grants are top 3 items discussed.

- \$5,000 – transportation
- Up to \$1,000 for translation. Bethany will check with the website provider to look further into translation and bring back information
- \$23,000 - Mini-grants

Julie E. made a motion to use the remaining unspent dollars from 2021 for use in the following way: \$23,000 for mini-grants with a priority to BIPOC proposals, up to \$1,000 for translation services, and up to \$5,000 for non-medical transportation; Tony seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

CAMHI Needs Survey: Bethany/Ex-Officios

It has been 10 years since the last needs assessment was studied. An online survey will be sent to case managers, case workers, and anyone who works with local population.

There will be two surveys, one for residents in our area and the one for providers asking what are they seeing or hearing within their providers. Goal is to launch tomorrow and go through the end of April.

One item asks if there are there any services that is not provided in our area? Polly would like to look into funding peer mentors again. Tracy would like to see the group set goals; 1 year, 2 year, etc. to make sure we're meeting them.

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Funding and AMHI Reform funding: Bethany/Ex-Officios

This is an additional \$265,157 of funds that every AMHI will receive. The funds are approved for:

- Hiring a dedicated AMHI Coordinator
- Renovating a facility that provides a Community Support Program and/or other mental health rehabilitative services
- Purchasing technology to allow for continued use of telemedicine services in diverse communities
- Purchasing a vehicle for assisting individuals to access necessary rehabilitative services
- Training staff to better meet the needs of diverse communities

Funds need to be spent by March 31, 2024; however we do not know exactly when the funds will be available.

Ex-Officios brainstormed and support:

- NATCON like training/conference
- Transportation
- Covering a Joint Powers Coordinator for 1 year
 - (then use the salary dollars for items that are less restrictive)
- Purchasing of phones, tables, computers, solar chargers for telemedicine
- Host a large training – bring in a “big name” speaker

AMHI Reform funding will start with the 2025-2026 grant cycle. Our region should receive an increase in funding. Where do we want to put it? The needs survey should help guide this.

Upcoming Meetings: Bethany Oberg

- i. May 5 at 3pm at Sherburne County Government Center Board Room and Online via Zoom
- ii. July 7th at 3pm at Sherburne County Government Center Board Room and Online via Zoom

Adjournment:

Jami made a motion to adjourn; Julie D. seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.