

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative
Advisory Committee
 June 7, 2018

Voting Members Present: 17
 Quorum Required: 11

Representative	“X” = Present	Stakeholder	Alternate	“X” = Present
Shoberg, Sandi	X	Benton County	Koscielniak, Peggy	X
Hagfors, Marsha	X	Benton County Community Advocate	(Vacant)	
Kelly, James – Vice Chair	X	CBHH	Gribas, Steve	
Anderson, Dale		CSP – Stearns/Benton	Sheehan, Meg	
(Vacant)		CSP – Sherburne/Wright	(Vacant)	
Hinz, Tracy	X	MHC – Sherburne/Wright	(Vacant)	
Lee, Dr. Richard		MHC – Stearns/Benton	Rocheleau Dorholt, Jennifer	X
Wilkus, Maureen	X	Sherburne County	(Vacant)	
Aaron, DeDe	X	Sherburne County Community	(Vacant)	
Bershok, Joel		St. Cloud Hospital	Walker, Chris	
Ellis, Julie	X	Stearns County	Harren, Candace	
Long, Lori		Stearns County Community Advocate	Brown, Polly	X
Pine, Mary Jo	X	VA Medical Center	Hovland, Voni	
Eich, Krissy – Chair	X	Vocational Sherburne/Wright	(Vacant)	
Danda, Julie	X	Vocational Stearns/Benton	Gaeddy, Maureen	
Grand, Jill	X	VRS – Sherburne/Wright	Krukenberg, Hillary	
Wittrock, Skip	X	VRS – Stearns/Benton	Othwaite, Jessica	X
Erkens, Diane	X	Wright County	Miller, Michelle	
Knop-LaPlant, Sheila		Wright County Community Advocate	(Vacant)	

Ex- officio members		
Oberg, Bethany	X	Initiative Coordinator
Smith, Gloria	X	DHS

Other attendees		
DeMarais-Finke, Jackie		Buffalo Hospital

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Starkka, Kathy		Buffalo Hospital
Carter, Amy		Rise, Inc.
Steinhofer, Nicci	X	Rise, Inc.
Pellaton, Brandon		Monticello Hospital
Keeville, Samantha		Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
Twingstrom, Andrea		Monticello Hospital
Vanskly, Shannon		Resource
Shaw, Chris		Imagine Network
Bershok, Lisa		VA Medical Center
Young, John		Wright County
Bauer, Mary		Central MN Council on Aging
Blonigen-Heinen, Patricia	X	CentraCare
Mastellar, Jessica		Central MN Legal Services
Neiland, Ashley		Crisis Text Line
Flack, Leon	X	UCare
O'Connor, Kristy		Imagine Network
Simoneau, Leah	X	Solutions
Scharber, Laura		Wright County
Doll, Julia	X	CentraCare Jail Program
Reichard, Rebecca	X	Elk River ACT Team
Thiele, Doug	X	Functional Industry
Wagner, Jennifer	X	Functional Industry
Finkelson, Joy	X	St. Cloud VA

Call to order:

Krissy Eich called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The mission statement was read and introductions were made.

Current Agenda:

Motion made by Diane Erkens to approve the agenda and seconded by Tracy Hinz. The agenda was approved.

Minutes – April 5, 2018:

Motion made by James Kelly to approve the meeting minutes from the April 5th meeting, Jill Grand seconded motion, motion carried.

Financial Report: Peggy

Peggy handed out a copy of the financial report. The local cash balance is at \$252,228.54. Diane Erkens made a motion to approve the financial report. Skip Wittrock seconded the motion, motion carried.

CentraCare Jail Program: Julia Doll

Julia explained that they are really focusing on individuals in the healthcare system. They have clinics in both Stearns and Benton County Jail. One of their goals is to reduce the amount of emergency room visits. They try to get in contact with people right when they come into the emergency room and help get them set up. They are also focusing on people who do not have a primary care provider. While individuals are in jail, they try getting them set up with a care provider while they are still in jail so when they get out, they are on a better start. They are really here to meet any needs that an individual might have. They have community paramedics following up with individuals on a regular basis. They are recently starting to be set up at the Place of Hope once a week to help individuals there. They are excited to be working in the community and to get this program going. The clinic phone number is 320-656-7195.

Elk River ACT Team: *Rebecca Reichard*

The Elk River ACT Team has been up and running since December 2017. There are five positions open currently. They are currently serving 16 individuals. They plan to add three people to their team per month. They are very excited to be up and running and serving individuals in the four county area.

Joint Powers Board Meeting Updates: *Bethany Oberg*

- The approval of publications for two RFP's was approved.
- Carry over dollars from 2017 were discussed. Unlike previous years any unspent dollars went back to DHS. In 2017, the unspent dollars did not need to go back.
- The mini grants. This is for area providers who provide services or who will be providing services. This is for dollars to be utilized this year. What is not spent will go back to DHS.
- The board also approved that we have dollars going to the CIT Training (Crisis Intervention Training). This is training for Law Enforcement. This year we are looking at funding 40 officers to get this CIT training.
- At the end of this year, starting in 2019, we will no longer have the storage garage units. We are no longer going to have these. If there are people in need of a storage facility, these could be gotten through a flex fund. Storage units will now be under the individual's name.

Flex Funds Request Form: *Bethany Oberg*

Bethany shared an updated flex fund form. One of the biggest changes is this form is now two pages. Just a reminder this can have a 45 day turn around and is not an emergency situation fund.

Adult Foster Care Workgroup: *Bethany Oberg*

Bethany shared posters regarding Adult Foster. They have been doing advertising and different things to promote this. They are really trying to advertise wherever they can. We are in a need for adult foster care.

CommUNITY Mental Health Initiative Committee and Grant Updates:

- a. Housing Coordination – No representative. Bethany gave updates. (See handout for details)
- b. Vocational Grant – Krissy Eich summarized the report. This is a combined report for Functional and Goodwill.
- c. Vocational Peer Specialist – Krissy Eich shared that Functional Industries was awarded a supported employment grant. Doug and Jennifer spoke about what they are going to be doing with Functional Industries. They will be working closely with individuals. (See handout for details)
- d. Anti-Stigma Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming events. They are continuing to do public outreach. They have recently had a few new members join to help brainstorm ideas that they can do.
- e. Training Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming trainings.

- f. Peer Socialization – Imagine Network – Bethany shared that each event is being well attended. These are a very popular events.

Community Based Mental Health Services: Updates

- a. IRTS – Northway - Tracy reported updates. (See handout for details)
- b. ACT – St. Cloud - Tracy reported updates. (See handout for details)
- c. ACT – Elk River - Rebecca gave updates.
- d. Crisis Response Team – Jennifer Rocheleau Dorholt reported that they were at 87% for an occupancy rate for March. April had a 71% occupancy rate. These numbers are looking very good. (See handout for details)
- e. Crisis Bed Program: Jennifer gave various updates. (See handout for details) This is overall doing very well.
- f. Inpatient:
 - i. St. Cloud: They now have outdoor space open for patients to use. This is right outside the mental health unit. They do have construction that will be starting soon.
 - ii. Buffalo Hospital: They have hired a mental health consultant.
 - iii. Monticello Hospital: A new Representative will bring updates to the next meeting.
- g. V.A.: Mary Jo Pine introduced Joy Finkelson. Joy explained a program for veterans who experience military sexual trauma.
- h. CBHH: James summarized that all of the CBHH's have an average of 16 beds occupied. There is a waiting list of 20 for only Annandale. They are really trying to recruit RN's currently.
- i. V.R.S: Jill Grand gave updates on V.R.S.
- j. Website: Bethany gave updates on the website. On any given day they would see around 800 hits. In May, they seen an increase to around 1,300-1,400 hits per day. They have hit over two million hits as a total. They have added a tab to the top on foster care that had general information on foster care.

Open Forum:

Nicci with RISE introduced herself and explained there will be a lot of changes with RISE.

DeDe Aaron is the new Sherburne County Representative.

Gloria gave an update from DHS that there were some fundings that were recently approved from the government. There were various dollars approved for various mental health facilities.

Adjourn

Motion made by Diane Erkens to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary Jo Pine, Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Next meeting is August 2nd, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Stearns County – Room 499.