

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative
Advisory Committee
 August 2, 2018

Voting Members Present: 12
 Quorum Required: _

Representative	“X” = Present	Stakeholder	Alternate	“X” = Present
Shoberg, Sandi	X	Benton County	Koscielniak, Peggy	
Hagfors, Marsha	X	Benton County Community Advocate	(Vacant)	
Kelly, James – Vice Chair		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	X	MHC – Stearns/Benton	Rocheleau Dorholt, Jennifer	X
Wilkus, Maureen	X	Sherburne County	(Vacant)	
Aaron, DeDe		Sherburne County Community	(Vacant)	
Bershok, Joel		St. Cloud Hospital	Walker, Chris	
Ellis, Julie	X	Stearns County	Harren, Candace	
Long, Lori	X	Stearns County Community Advocate	Brown, Polly	
Pine, Mary Jo	X	VA Medical Center	Hovland, Voni	
Eich, Krissy – Chair	X	Vocational Sherburne/Wright	(Vacant)	
Danda, Julie		Vocational Stearns/Benton	Gaeddy, Maureen	
Grand, Jill		VRS – Sherburne/Wright	Krukenberg, Hillary	
Wittrock, Skip		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	X	Rise, Inc.
Steinhofer, Nicci	X	Rise, Inc.
Pellaton, Brandon		Monticello Hospital
Keeville, Samantha	X	Solutions Behavioral Healthcare
Twingstrom, Andrea		Monticello Hospital
Shaw, Chris	X	Imagine Network
Flack, Leon	X	UCare
Simoneau, Leah	X	Solutions
Schmitz, Jamie	X	St. Cloud VA
Molitor, Jessica	X	Volunteers of America
Vandermay, Mandy	X	Bridges MN
Kissinger, Paige	X	Bridges MN
Scharber, Laura	X	Wright County
Parteh, Lisa	X	Functional Industries
Houlton, Nancy	X	Houlton Consulting/DHS
Derwson, Christa	X	GBHU Monticello

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 Sandi Shoberg to approve the agenda and seconded by Lori Long. The agenda was approved.

Minutes – June 7, 2018:

Motion made by Tracy Hinz to approve the meeting minutes from the June 7th meeting, Diane Erkens seconded motion, motion carried.

AMHI Reform: Nancy Houlton

Nancy spoke about how the initiative started. It started in the 1990's. There were not that many resources and programs available at that time. This initiative really expanded the mental health system but there is still a long ways to go. In order to be successful in the future, we need to show how these dollars are making a difference.

In the next grant cycle, DHS wants to know how you look today with all the voices at the table and if you are no there today, how do you plan to get there.

They also want to know what the data from your regional from AMHI look like. How are people getting that data into the system? They are really looking for information about your data and what can you improve on with your data.

Financial Report: Bethany

Bethany handed out a copy of the financial report. We are at 58% spent out for the year. Diane Erkens

made a motion to approve the financial report. Julie Ellis seconded the motion, motion carried.

DAT Bed RFP Update: *Bethany*

In May the Joint Powers board approved this group to meet for an RFP. It was decided that we were not awarded. The Joint powers board also approved that we would meet to discuss issuing a revised RFP at a later time and the board decided to not aware that at this time.

2018 Mini-Grant: *Bethany*

We received a total of over 20 applications. Five were approved as is, three were approved in specific areas, 10 were not approved, and one was withdrawn. The total amount awarded was under. This will be reviewed with the Joint Powers Board for further discussion.

Flex Funds Requests: *Bethany*

It was thought that it was a good idea to bring the Flex Fund Policy and Form to the board for any clarification that there might need to be. Also, to clarify when a flex fund is necessary or appropriate. We need to be sure people have tried other resources that are out there first. We only help with housing of pets if an individual is going into housing. We also need documentation and proof of requests. All agencies can make a referral for an SPMI client. There are some agencies that we do not get any requests from, so we just want to be sure everyone is aware of the flex fund requests. The number one thing that gets turned down are back rent or past due bills. We would need proof going forward how these bills will be paid.

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 has two part time Peer Specialists right now. They have been doing what they call a meet and greet. These folks are really spending time with individuals to show and explain what the referrals look like.
- d. Anti-Stigma Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming events. They are continuing to do public outreach. Bethany spent some time at the Benton County Fair at a booth.
- e. Training Workgroup – Bethany summarized upcoming trainings. They are trying to do at least one training a month.
- f. Peer Socialization – Chris Shaw, Imagine Network – They are continuing to have events scheduled monthly. The attendance has slowed down slightly but there is still good attendance. It was asked that Chris bring to the group what the attendance has been at these events. Chris will bring this to the next meeting.

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 - Tracy gave updates.
- d. Crisis Response Team – Jennifer Rocheleau Dorholt reported updates. (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: No updates.
 - ii. Buffalo Hospital: No updates.

- iii. Monticello Hospital: Updates given.
- g. V.A.: Mary Jo Pine introduced Jamie Schmitz. Mary Jo gave various updates from the VA.
- h. CBHH: No updates.
- i. V.R.S: Jessica gave updates that they are getting rid of their group orientations. If someone calls, they are automatically matched with a counselor. They are matched within seven days.
- j. Website: Bethany gave updates on the website. The website is getting used. It has hit over two million views.

Open Forum:

Bethany gave updates on the consumer advocates that are interested in being a part of the initiative for 2019 and 2020. This would be approved by the board at our December meeting.

Diane shared that for the first time the state fair is having a mental health awareness day. This day will be August 27th. Also, August 28th is woman Veterans Day at the fair.

Chris Shaw shared a new app call Vitals. This is a very new program that will ping cops and paramedics phones to let them know they are a certain distance away from an individual with a mental illness and then it will tell them how to best handle the individual when they come into contact with them. Chris shared that this is an incredible program. It was asked if NAMI was in support of this program and Chris said that they are not.

Adjourn

Motion made by Lori Long to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Diane Erkens, Meeting adjourned at 2:57p.m.

Next meeting is October 4, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wright County Law Enforcement Center.