

## CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

March 4, 2021

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Chair: Tracy Hinz

Vice Chair: Jamie Goodrum Schwartz

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

Other attendees:

	Peggy Koscielniak	Benton County fiscal agent
X	Bethany Oberg	Initiative Coordinator
	Victoria Johannes	Sherburne County – ex officio
	Sandi Shoberg	Benton County – ex officio
X	Leslie Young	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
X	Dr. Richard Lee	CMMHC

**Call to order:** 3:02 pm

**Introductions:** All

**Amend or Accept Agenda:**

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

**Minutes from January 2021:**

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

**Financial:** Peggy Koscielniak

Bethany shared Peggy's financial update.

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

**2020 Invoices:** Bethany

There are a couple providers who missed the deadline for submitting 2020 invoices. The Ex-Officios proposed paying the providers, however the funding would come out of their 2021 budget.

Bob made a motion to pay December invoices for the providers with their 2021 funding; Julie seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Housing Coordination Services RFP:** Bethany

Last week Bethany shared the draft of the Housing Coordination RFP. The Ex-Officios recommend increasing the total dollar amount to \$80,000 since it has not increased in several years. They also removed the desire to have the position be for one full time person since entities may propose multiple people with separate focuses. If approved Bethany could publish this afternoon or tomorrow and have a reader group review the submissions at the end of April. Then we can start on contract updating for the May meeting.

Jami recommended changing the language under Proposal Requirements that says, “how do you propose to maintain the housing wait list.” Do we want them to maintain it or do we want them to reduce it? Julie agrees and would like to be more focused on outcomes. If they spend all their time managing the wait list, they are not housing people. Bethany indicated that the RFP we did 3 years ago, we removed the task of having the Housing Coordinator continuing to reach out to individuals on the wait list. We thought their time would be more productive doing something else. We are hoping that the partnership with Beyond Backgrounds and HousingLink will help eliminate the wait list.

Tracy proposed changing the language to “how to you propose to minimize the wait list.”

Julie made a motion to approve the Housing Coordination Services RFP with language changes for publication; Jami seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Opioid Housing Grant Update and RFP:** Bethany

We submitted an RFP to DHS but have not heard back yet. If we are awarded the grant, we will have to issue an RFP right away, therefore Bethany would like to ask the Board that if we are awarded the grant to approve the Ex-Offios to issue an RFP as soon as possible as it is outlined in the submitted proposal.

Bob made a motion to authorize the Ex-Offios publish an RFP if we are awarded the Grant; Tony seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

**Proposed AMHI Budget Cuts:** Bethany & Julie

The Governor’s proposed 2022 budget includes a 7% cut to AMHI funding. We may need to adjust our budget if this passes. MACSSA was approached by two Senators asking what they can do to avoid the cuts; there is currently a Bill asking for additional funding of \$6 million per year for the two-year grant cycle.

**DHS Bonding RFP Update:** Dr. Lee

The predesign proposal was accepted by the State. The Stearns County Board approved putting out the bids for the project, however in light of the recent events in Buffalo, a board member asked for the design be looked at to ensure safety. Stearns County Sheriff’s Department and St. Cloud Police Department made a couple recommendations to the interior and exterior.

They are still on track to break ground this spring. Dr. Lee shared a PDF of the property footprint showing buildings A, B, and C and the new building. He also shared the blueprint of the interior of the new building.

**Other:****Upcoming Meetings:** Bethany Oberg

- i. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm – Online via Zoom
- ii. July 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm – Online via Zoom

**Adjournment:**

Bob made a motion to adjourn; Julie seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.