

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

January 7, 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
	Spencer Buerkle	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
	Polly Brown	Consumer – representative
X	Julie Danda	Agency - representative

Other attendees:

	Peggy Koscielniak	Benton County fiscal agent
X	Bethany Oberg	Initiative Coordinator
X	Maureen Wilkus	Sherburne County – ex officio
X	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: 3:03 pm

Introductions: All

Amend or Accept Agenda:

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

New Board Member Introductions:

- i. Consumer Advocate – Polly Brown, Stearns County
- ii. Provider – Julie Danda, Goodwill Easter Seals
- iii. At Large – Tracy Hinz, CMMHC

Elections:

- i. Chair Nominations:
 - a. Bob nominated Jami – Jami declined
 - b. Polly nominated Tracy; Bob seconded the nomination

Tony made a motion to accept Tracy as the Chair; Julie seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

- ii. Vice-Chair Nominations:
 - a. Julie nominated Jami; Tracy seconded the nomination

Bob made a motion to accept Jami as the Vice-Chair; Tracy seconded. All in favor, motion carried

Minutes from November 2020:

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

Financial: Peggy Koscielniak

Bethany shared Peggy's financial update.

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

Peer Support Program Updates: Bethany

The original RFP was rescinded because the details in the contract were unable to be met due to Covid. The RFP was published again and the reader group shared their recommendations.

Bob made a motion to accept the reader group's recommendation; Julie seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Housing Coordination Services RFP: Bethany

Ex-officios would like approval from the Board to draft an RFP for Housing Coordination Services. They would like the Board's feedback on what they would like to see out of Housing Coordination Services.

We were awarded the Beyond Backgrounds Program, which has a Landlord Risk Mitigation fund that helps individuals who may have barriers such as a criminal record or poor rental history.

Julie offered to have the Stearns County Housing Coordinator, Summer Conard, come and share how she goes about finding housing for clients.

Bethany and Ex-Officios will work on updating the RFP and will have it at the next meeting for the Board to review.

Medicare Letter: Bethany & Julie

The Stearns County Mental Health Task Force created a letter to send out to Representatives voicing concern regarding Medicare barriers for providers. The current credentialing under Medicare is extremely high. The letter asks Representatives to move forward the currently pending Bill, which will remove some of the barriers that Medicare has for mental health treatment. Currently, Medicare does not allow Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (LPCCs), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) and Master's-level Psychologists (LPs). This has been introduced every year for the last 25 years but has still not passed.

Jami made a motion to have the Chair sign the letter; Bob seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

DHS Bonding RFP Update: Dr. Lee

Met with the architect today, they are very close to finalizing the floor plan. It will have 9 crisis beds and 15 detox beds. They have had to cut some of common space from original plan but it will have a tele-medicine room. Currently on pace to break ground this spring. Dr. Lee will share the plans once they are finalized and the architect is ok with them being shared.

Other:

This is Maureen's last meeting, she is retiring after 38 years with Sherburne County.

Upcoming Meetings: Bethany Oberg

- i. March 4th at 3pm – Online via Zoom

ii. May 6th at 3pm – Online via Zoom

Adjournment:

Julie made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.