

## CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

March 3, 2016

Sherburne County Human Services Maple Room

Chair: Mary Jo Cobb

Vice Chair: Jami Goodrum Schwartz

Present	Name	Membership
X	Mary Jo Cobb, Chair	Sherburne County – alternate
X	Bruce Anderson	Sherburne County – representative
	Spencer Buerkle	Benton County – alternate
X	Robert Cornelius	Benton County – representative
	Mark Sizer	Stearns County – representative
	Steve Notch	Stearns County – alternate
	Michelle Miller	Wright County – alternate
X	Jami Goodrum Schwartz	Wright County – representative
X	Lori Long	At large – representative
X	Kathryn Fluey	Consumer – representative
X	Maureen Gaedy	Provider – representative

Other attendees:

X	Faye Bernstein	DHS
	Peggy Koscielniak	Benton County fiscal agent
X	Mike Stalboerger	Initiative Coordinator
	Marcy Mears	Sherburne County – ex officio
	Sandi Shoberg	Benton County – ex officio
	Candace Harren	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
X	Maureen Wilkus	Sherburne County

**Call to order:** 3:00 p.m.

**Introductions:** All

**Amend or Accept Agenda:**

Jami Goodrum Schwartz made a motion to approve agenda; Lori Long seconded. Motion carried.

**Minutes from January 7:**

Maureen Gaedy made a motion to approve minutes from the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; Lori Long seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** *Peggy Koscielniak*

Peggy was unable to attend so Mike provided a copy of the report. We are at \$19,936.19 or 8% as of January 2016. Motion made by Robert Cornelius to accept report as presented; seconded by Lori Long. Motion carried.

**Budget Workgroup Update:** *Maureen Gaedy*

Group met a few weeks ago and were tasked to come up with an aligned process of how to manage the budget. They came up with a timeline for what is addressed each month. Peggy will clean up line items and language so they are clearer. Group to put together a draft for how we look at submissions and what are the priorities, where do they fit; priority, nice to have, etc. There are new requirements for grants and we need to follow state and federal guidelines. JPB will have to decide who is accepted to certain tasks, etc. The workgroup will be coming back with a timeline process. Was a very positive meeting.

**“Consumer”/Community Advocate Follow-Up:** *Lori Long and Kathryn Fluey*

Lori brought up at AC meeting as well. A medical condition of the brain is what she has and she labeled as a consumer, this makes her feel less than. Professionals are looked at one way and consumers a different way. Community advocates is a name that was brought up and that is a good name, it seems to fit. It's a nicer way to introduce yourself. It was discussed at the AC meeting and the group agreed Community Advocate was a good name.

**By-Law Change:** *Mike Stalboerger*

For terminology we came up with a proposal for discussion today.

- Section 11.01 Consumer Eligibility is the section we talked about. We could change to: A) For the purposes related to the CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative, consumers herein are referred to as “Community Advocates”; B) Community Advocates must be an individual experiencing a serious persistent mental illness or; C) An immediate family member of an individual experiencing a serious and persistent mental illness who is unable to participate as a Community Advocate due to their illness; and D) Community Advocates must be individuals, or family members of individuals who are receiving mental health services paid for by the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright.
- It would be easiest to just change this section without changing the entire Rules and Bylaws. That would require the Rules and Bylaws going back to each of the 4 county boards to vote on.
- Why settle on SPMI? SPMI is statutory definition. Persistent is a good word as it covers you are receiving services, may not be forever, vagueness is not a bad thing. SPMI is referred to in the JPB rules and that is how we define it. The state talks about removing the P and just making it SMI. DHS funds so we follow suit to where we go. It's for who we serve and that's why we have to be specific using SPMI, SMI, etc.

- Under D) change to “Receiving mental health services in the counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright.

Motion to recommend/approve changes to bylaws under 11.01 Consumer Eligibility section as amended Maureen Gaedy made a motion to approve; Faye Bernstein seconded. Motion carried.

**ResCare IRTS Needs Assessment: Maureen Wilkus**

In January we were approached by ResCare about establishing an IRT in Elk River. There is a need with long wait lists. Ex officios sent a needs assessment to them as we feel it’s an appropriate step to take. Mary Jo Cobb said she ran it by the County Attorney and County Administrator and they are on board. The county community development person also contacted Mary Jo and was interested. It will be set up in an older restaurant that already has a kitchen and the people at ResCare know what to do and how to get it started.

**CMMHC RFP Letter of Support: Mike Stalboerger**

Cathy LaGow mentioned that CMMHC put in a RFP for extended capacity for expansion. They asked us for a letter of support, no money is needed. Mike drafted letter for Mary Jo to sign. It will include an outside patio area, crisis area with beds, and make the outside area more conducive to people. They will also be closing up the stairway at Northway to make area safer for individuals. On behalf of AMHI Mike and Mary Jo will forward the letter of support on to them.

**DHS and Legislative Update: Faye Bernstein**

- Nellie went back to her former position with the children’s crisis board, so there will be another posting out for that position.
- Eight unmet needs were submitted, and in the next day or two we should be getting approvals and Faye feels they will all get approved, should all be good news.
- Data reporting-letter went out February 25, 16 from DHS director saying she wants client specific gender, race, ethnicity and any other identifiers. Do the best you can, they will not withhold money for those who can’t identify. Fiscal people are meeting to put together a different report for us. It will allow providers to figure out and communicate to you what is doable and what isn’t.
- When we are doing this for the legislative report, do they care that there were 22 white females? Probably not, they want to know a hard number, are people getting better, etc. Best outcomes-good employment going on and people being housed. Maybe we could do a headcount and some sort of measure of employment and housing.
- DHS does a satisfaction survey-not sure what return is though, maybe 20%, but they do get some good feedback. One questions is what aren’t you getting and that is valuable. If someone complains they are NOT getting the services, how is that tracked, how do you find that out? Could we come up with some sort of survey that providers could fill out. How much information is too much?
- Don’t have an assistant commissioner for DHS yet, new commissioner is not having a huge impact good or bad.

May 5<sup>th</sup> next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Robert Cornelius made a motion to adjourn meeting, Kathryn Fluey seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.