

CommUNITY Adult Mental Health Initiative

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Joint Powers Board

May 7, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Chair: Krissy Eich Schwartz

Vice Chair: Tracy Hinz

Present	Name	Membership
X	Mary Jo Cobb	Sherburne County – representative
X	Barbara Burandt	Sherburne County – alternate
	Spencer Buerkle	Benton County – alternate
X	Robert Cornelius	Benton County – representative
	Melissa Huberty	Stearns County – representative
	Steve Notch	Stearns County – alternate
X	Jill Pooler	Wright County – alternate
X	Jami Goodrum Schwartz	Wright County – representative
X	Tracy Hinz, VC	At large – representative
X	Lori Long	Consumer – representative
X	Krissy Eich, Chair	Provider – representative

Other attendees:

X	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	Julie Ellis	Stearns County – ex officio
X	Diane Erkens	Wright County – ex officio
X	Dr. Richard Lee	CMMHC
X	Leslie Young	Stearns County

Call to order: 3:03 pm

Introductions: All

Amend or Accept Agenda:

Bethany has an addition to the agenda to discuss the June Advisory Committee Meeting.

Jami made a motion to approve agenda with the June Advisory Committee Meeting addition; Mary Jo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes from March 5, 2020:

The recording ended prior to someone seconding the motion to adjourn, does anyone remember who did? Lori believes she was the person to second the adjournment.

Tracy made a motion to accept the minutes with the addition of Lori seconding the motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial: Peggy

Peggy provided financial updates.

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

DHS Mobile Crisis Grant – the money was originally only to be used for training; however DHS has changed that due to COVID19. The grant money no longer needs to be used specifically for training. The date it needs to be utilized has been extended to the end of 2020.

Lori made a motion to reallocate the Crisis Grant Training dollars equally to Mobile Crisis Adult and Mobile Crisis Children line items; Mary Jo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

National Convention: Bethany

The National Convention was canceled. There are a couple options for what we can do with registration cost for the 8 attendees:

1. Submit a request for reimbursement for the fees.
2. We can choose to donate it to the convention.
3. We can roll the fees over for the 2021 convention.

Trip insurance was not purchased for the airline tickets; therefore, we were unable to get reimbursed. The 8 individuals currently have a credit with Delta for the full amount of the tickets. Normally the credit is only valid for one year, however Delta has extended it until September 2022.

Bethany would like to have the registration fees roll over for the 2021 convention. Jami and Krissy agree with rolling the money to the 2021 convention. The 2021 convention is in Denver and flights are typically less expensive to Denver than Austin.

The cost will most likely be the same or less for 2021 due to the location.

Mary Jo asked if it would be possible if we decide not to go in 2021, would the convention be willing to either refund or hold the money for the 2022 convention? Bethany is unsure but will check.

Jami made a motion to hold the money until next year, contingent on the convention refunding us in 2021 if we decide not to attend; Mary Jo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Mini Grant and RFP Update: Bethany/Ex-Officios

On February 18th we published a notice that mini grants were available; applications were due by March 20. The review group met on March 31st and went through each application and scored them based on a rubric. Bethany shared a summary document of whom they selected to receive mini grants and the amounts awarded.

RFP Reader Group Recommendations: Bethany

Sent out recommendation from the reader group 1.5 weeks ago and asked to review in preparation for this meeting.

- i. Vocational Services – Had received 2 proposals, both are from current providers; Goodwill Easter Seals and Functional Industries. The reader group made the recommendation to continue as is and award both those providers and splitting the dollars as we have been.

Lori made a motion to approve the recommendation; Jami seconded. Krissy abstained due to a conflict of interest. All others in favor, and the motion carried.

- ii. Peer Support Services –They received 2 proposals, one from the current provider, Wellness in Woods for the Imagine Network and one from Hope Community Support Program for peer mentoring services. The reader group recommends funding Wellness in the Wood for the Imagine Network. They recognize the benefit of the Hope Peer Mentoring program but decided Wellness in the Woods would serve more residents and ultimately better meets CAMHI's mission.

Tracy made a motion to continue a partnership with Wellness in Woods and award them the dollars; Mary Jo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Consumer Advocate Per Diem Update: Bethany

In March the stipend dollar amount came up for discussion and Bethany had gathered information from all local organizations to see what amount they are awarding and shared those amounts.

Tracy made motion to increase to increase the stipend to \$50 and include mileage; Mary Jo seconded. Lori abstained from voting, all others voted in favor and motion carried.

Bob made a motion to make the stipend increase effective May 1, 2020; Mary Jo seconded. Lori abstained, all others voted in favor and motion carried.

Crisis Grant Application: Bethany

The Crisis Grant application for the 2021-2022 cycle was released; the application is due on May 15. Bethany received it back today from the Mental Health Center. They are asking for an increase to the Mobile Crisis to go towards staff to resume to their FTP levels back to what they were prior to the \$250,000 grant decrease in 2018. Dr. Lee indicated they are operating Mobile Crisis at a loss; they have asked for an increase every year.

Jami made a motion for the ex-officios to review the 2021-2022 Mobile Crisis grant and submit the application to the Board for their approval; Krissy seconded. Tracy abstained from voting, all others in favor, motion carried.

AMHI Grant Application Update: Bethany

DHS sent out grant application for 2021-2022 period with a due date of July 31. Last summer DHS announced their plan was to have the new way to apply (more RFP style) for the upcoming grant cycle, however they discovered changing and coming up with a new way of rating and scales was beyond their ability. They are looking at bringing in an organization to help with that. At this time, the application process and how they award dollars will remain the same. Bethany believes we will receive the same as we have previously. The ex-officios will work towards creating a proposed budget.

Blue Plus Housing Flex Funding: Bethany

There is an opportunity to apply for some funding that we could use for housing Flex Fund that would be specific to BC/BS clients. BCBS is anticipating awarding up to 10 grants. All four counties have been looking at applying. Bethany will contact BCBS and ask if both the Initiative and all four Counties apply individually? We want to make sure BCBS will not throw out the county applications.

Mary Jo proposed that CAMHI will apply for the housing flex fund so long as BCBS will not disqualify the counties from applying individually; Jami seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CAMHI Joint Powers Board July Meeting: Bethany

In previous years we have not had a July meeting due to the holiday. Tracy recommends we keep the July meeting and we can cancel at a later date if we determine it is not needed. Mary Jo asked if we could meet later in July to avoid people taking off for 4th of July. Diane agrees on moving meeting to later in July since the budget most likely would not be done by July 2nd.

Tracy proposed to move the July meeting to the 16th at 3:00 pm; Lori seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

CAMHI Joint Powers Board and Advisory Committee Joint Meeting Update: Bethany

Bethany sent out an email indicating the meeting is canceled due to COVID-19. They will resume planning and find a new date once we can have gatherings again.

DHS Bonding RFP Update: Melissa

Bethany gave Melissa's update. Behavioral building interviewed production managers and should hire someone in the next couple weeks.

June Advisory Meeting: Bethany

The April Advisory meeting was canceled due to COVID, the next meeting is scheduled for June. The ex-officios are asking if the Board thinks it is worth having the June meeting and came up with three options; 1) cancel the meeting 2) have a virtual meeting, or 3) not have the meeting but instead ask area providers to provide Bethany with updates and she will email the information.

Mary Jo made a motion to hold an online/virtual June meeting for Advisory; Lori seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Bethany

July 16th at 3:00 pm – Zoom/virtual.

Adjournment:

Mary Jo made a motion to adjourn; Jami seconded. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.