



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)

Minutes – February 16, 2017

Call to Order. Chair Hedges called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:04 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Ian Hedges, Neil Deupree, Supervisor Louis Peer, Lance Horozewski, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Verlene Orr, Patty Slatter, Tami Lalor, Jim Neitzel (alt. for Tricia King), Linda Scott-Hoag, Judge Alan Bates, Linda Garrett (alt.), Sheila DeForest, Vice Chair Greg Winkler, Samantha Palan, Tim Perry, Lindsay Stevens and Neil Deupree.

Committee Members Absent: Commander Erik Chellevoid, Pastor Mike Jackson, Laura Neece, Emily Pelz, Dr. Ken Robbins and Michelle Rose-Barajas.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Melissa Meboe, Crisis Program Manager; and Kate Luster, Human Services Director.

Others Present: Billy Bob Grahn, Lynda Owens; Andrey Below; Carrie Willnow; Barb Werfal, WREP; Steve Howland; Colleen Wisch, NAMI; and Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health.

Approval of Agenda. Chair Hedges said that item 6 will be discussed before item 5. Mr. Neitzel moved approval of the agenda as changed, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2017. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes, second by Ms. Slatter. ADOPTED.

Workgroup Updates, including Review of Strategic Plan Outcomes.

Data. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the group hasn't met. The Janesville Police Department is continuing as the pilot site for the mental health change target. March 8th is their next scheduled meeting.

AODA. The group meets next week.

CCRG. Ms. Meboe said they have met and developed SMART goals. They are 1) Develop a minimum of 3 additional community based hospital options. Performance target date: June 2017 Tactical Objective: Reduce distance from community and increase family participation in hospital level care. 2) Implementation of Zero Suicide. Performance target date: December 2016 Tactical objectives: Reduce overall hospital admissions, increase community care options with specific treatment focus on suicidality, and increase engagement of clients. 3) NiatX process engagement on readmission rates. Performance target date: September 2016 Tactical objectives: Improve collaboration and care during hospital stays, reduce premature discharges, reduce transfer trauma by reducing admissions within 30 days of discharge and increase community responsiveness to care post hospitalization. 4) Development of Dementia Capable Society in Rock County. Performance target date: July 2016 Tactical objectives: Train crisis, adult protective services and first responders in

dementia capable care and response folks in a dementia related crisis, reduce 51.15 detentions for individuals with primary concern related to dementia, reduce conversions from a 51.15 emergency detention to a temporary protective placement and guardianship and reduce transfer trauma for individuals with dementia by reducing the displacements they experience due to “behaviors”.

Cultural Competency. Mr. Grahn reported they did not meet in January. Next meeting is scheduled for February 22nd and they will be finalizing their agendas.

Kids Continuum of Care. Mr. Horozewski said they have not met. He will bring an update to our next meeting.

Adult Continuum of Care. Mr. Winkler reported they are developing a coordination of care survey for feedback. Ms. Meboe, Mr. Winkler, Sgt. Blaser from the Janesville Police Department and representatives from Mercy Emergency Department have met and are working on improving emergency care coordination. They are working on a community collaboration on the Zero Suicide initiative.

Consumer/Family. Ms. Werfal reported they are working on an outreach message to recruit more members. They are trying to help individuals interact with the community. Their next meeting will be the first Wednesday in March.

Update on Behavioral Health Legislation: 21st Century Cares Act. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen provided a handout on the updates. Chair Hedges said the largest mental health reform legislation was passed in December. Chair Hedges led the committee in reviewing the handout. Chair Hedges urged committee members to contact their legislators with their opinions. Ms. Luster thanked Chair Hedges for this information. She said since the Affordable Care Act she has seen more individuals that have been eligible to purchase insurance through the Marketplace and a dramatic increase in the ability for adults without dependents to have access to Medicaid. Mr. Grahn suggested requesting Deb Kolste to present at a future meeting. Chair Hedges said he will invite a representative from both parties to present at our next meeting.

Ms. Orr said that DPI’s recommendation for mental health services in schools has been included in the Governor’s proposed budget. Ms. Luster said there are several positive Human Services aspects in the budget, as well. Chair Hedges said the budget also includes a homelessness funding initiative.

Discussion about 2017 SMART Goals and/or Scorecard for BHRSC. Chair Hedges had emailed some preliminary SMART goals to committee members prior to today’s meeting. The committee reviewed the suggested SMART goals. SMART goal 2) one recommendation for funding and/or policy to County Board to improve the behavioral health system. A sober living facility is an example of this. Ms. Werfal said that WREP has been talking about opening a drop-in house. Could this be a funding idea? Ms. Luster suggested tapping into the work of the Heroin Taskforce. Judge Bates suggested tying our SMART goals into the EBDM initiative. Supervisor Peer suggested funding to create a resource package for referral services. Chair Hedges thought this idea would be best covered under a process improvement. Mr. Grahn suggested funding be used for a dedicated grant writer for the County. Mr. Horozewski suggested choosing a system-wide practice improvement. He would like to see City Council involvement as well. Ms. Scott Hoag didn’t want us to lose sight of the need to continue to look at access to care. Ms. DeForest would like to see all stakeholders at the table. There are sectors missing such as front line individuals who make a big impact. Chair Hedges suggested a possible fourth SMART goal of outreach. Ms. Luster suggested an outreach workgroup.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. Chair Hedges thanked the committee for the productive discussion today.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Mr. Deupree congratulated Ms. Pohlman McQuillen on her 9th anniversary with the County.

Ms. Stevens said NAMI recently hosted a CIT-Youth focused training. It was a successful event. They are planning another one in the fall. They will host CIP training in Rock County on March 29th and 30th. She will send more information. NAMI has some open positions on their board if anyone is interested.

Ms. Slatter said NAMI is the beneficiary for Girls Night Out held on March 23 at Countryview Bar. Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Annual Conference is being held on April 19th at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells. Registration is online. Ms. Slatter will email information to the committee on both events.

Chair Hedges announced the funeral services for a well-known UW-Whitewater professor who recently passed.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m., N1-N2, 5th Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt
HR Secretary

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