



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes – May 17, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Luster called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:01 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Louis Peer, Chair Kate Luster, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Tricia Murray, Billy Bob Grahn (alt. for Neil Deupree), Judge Alan Bates, Commander Troy Knudson, Linda Scott-Hoag, Melissa Meboe (alt. for Greg Winkler), Patty Slatter, Laura Neece, Ian Hedges, Michelle Rose-Barajas and Dave Pluymers.

Committee Members Absent: Linda Garrett, Dr. Ken Robbins, Tim Perry, Emily Pelz, Samantha Palan, Tami Ellis, and Lance Horozewski.

Staff Members Present: Judge Karl Hanson (alt. to Judge Bates); Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Manager; Brenda Endthoff, AODA Coordinator; Bette Trimble, Crisis Supervisor; and Emma Peterson, Public Health Intern.

Others Present: Andrey Below; Ethel Below; Barb Werfal and Betty Conklin, WREP; Parker Garman, HealthNet; Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health; Steve Howland; and D.J. Rhodes, Beloit Comprehensive Treatment Center.

The committee introduced themselves to the new members.

Approval of Agenda. Judge Bates moved approval of the agenda, second by Ms. Murray. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2018. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Murray. ADOPTED.

Discussion and Decision on Committee Priorities and Define Action Steps. Chair Luster reminded the committee that Access to Care and Resource Development were identified as main priorities at our last meeting. We want to narrow our focus. Chair Luster provided four handouts: (1) Behavioral Health Continuum, (2) Sequential Intercepts for Developing Criminal Justice-Behavioral Health Partnerships, (3) BHRSC Priority Action Area Options, and (4) Hub and Spoke Model. The committee reviewed and discussed the handouts. Judge Bates said there is a connection between BHRSC and EBDM (Evidence Based Decision Making) and it would make sense to have a common representative on both committees. The committee voted on three identified priorities. The priorities previously identified are: (1) Focus on local treatment resource development for substance use disorders with an emphasis on local detox and residential treatment options, (2) Improved care coordination and partnerships to assure timely access to an appropriate level of care, and (3) Enhanced Behavioral Health/Criminal Justice Collaboration. The committee voted and agreed on item two as top priority. Our next step is to develop a more structured SMART plan. Some action items for committee members to do between now and our next meeting are: make an assessment of what currently exists, reach out to Hubs, read the Hub and Spoke model handout and share with your agencies, and identify potential spokes (training possibilities).

Discussion and Possible Approval of Support of SAMHSA Assertive Community

Treatment Grant. Chair Luster said the Human Services Department is applying to expand their Assertive Community Treatment services. She would like to request BHRSC to serve as the advisory committee. Assertive community treatment is a model that serves individuals with serious mental illness that are at risk for institutionalization because of their mental illness. The model serves them in the community with a comprehensive team based treatment and support network. They are applying for the grant to enhance fidelity to their current teams and to add a fourth assertive community treatment team that would specifically serve a forensic population. Judge Bates moved to support BHRSC serving as an Advisory Committee for the ACT grants if received and to write a letter of support, second by Ms. Neece. ADOPTED.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. Chair Luster said she feels that the Mental Health flag initiative is an ongoing success story; all law enforcement agencies have signed an MOU (memorandum of understanding), NAMI has held community listening forums and they are working on expanding to the private sector. She wants to thank everyone for their openness to this change target.

Ms. Slatter said NAMI just had a public listening session at the Milton Library that was well attended.

Ms. Endthoff said she has been working with a pregnant adolescent that was on probation who delivered a healthy baby. The adolescent is one year sober.

Judge Hanson shared a collaboration success story. He recently had two individuals in court for extradition. Jail staff identified cognitive issues with the individuals and worked with the judge to have a positive outcome for extradition.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. HealthNet will be holding its third annual Southern Wisconsin Conference on Mental Health on September 24th. More information to follow.

Mr. Rhodes said State Representative Spreitzer will be visiting the Beloit Comprehensive Treatment Center on Friday, May 25th at 1:30 P.M.

Save the date: NAMI Paint the Town Yellow at Palmer Park on October 6th

Ms. Werfal and Ms. Conklin reported that WREP is educating members on available community resources. Their meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, Job Center Room D/E starting at 11:30. They are looking for new members. They will have a booth at Freedom Fest on June 30th.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, July 19, 2018, 12:00 P.M., N1-N2, 5th Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. Ms. Slatter moved to adjourn at 1:03 P.M., second by Ms. Rose-Barajas. ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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