

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)
February 20, 2014

Call to Order. Chair Flanagan called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:02 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth Floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Lance Horozewski, Cmdr. Erik Chellevoid, Chair Kate Flanagan, Neil Deupree, Linda Scott-Hoag, Pastor Mike Jackson, Linda Garrett, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Brian Gies, Justin Marko, Denny Luster, Tim Perry, Jean Randles, and Claude Gilmore.

Committee Members Absent: Lisa Usgaard, Cindy Zaharias, Yolanda Cargile, Laura Neece, Tom Gubbin, Judge James Daley, Tami Lalor, and Faith Mattison.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Carla Haigh and Caroline Robb, HSD Economic Support Division; Melissa Meboe, HSD Crisis Intervention & Stabilization Program Manager; and Rebecca Rudolph, HSD AODA Coordinator.

Others Present: Sarah Johnson, Janesville Mobilizing 4 Change; William Parke Sutherland, Grassroots Empowerment Project; Supervisor Steve Howland; Latesha Cates, Intern with Mr. Luster; Candy Schenck; Lynda Owens; and Ethel Below.

Approval of the Agenda. Chair Flanagan announced that item number eight would be moved to item number five on the agenda. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Marko. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2014. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Pastor Jackson. ADOPTED.

Chair Flanagan had everyone introduce themselves.

Workgroup Updates.

Data Workgroup: Chair Flanagan said the group met and it is looking at ways to access jail data and reaching out to jail inmates for releases for the collection piece. Supervisor Grahn asked if Service Point could come to the next meeting to talk about the data they collect. Chair Flanagan said yes and the group agreed. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will send out the new release forms to everyone on the committee.

AODA Workgroup: Ms. Rudolph said the group met and has finished a map of services. They are now focusing on barriers to treatment.

CCRG: Ms. Meboe said this group meets every other month, so it has not met since the last BHRSC meeting and there is nothing new to report at this time.

Cultural Competency: Mr. Deupree said the next meeting will be held on February 26th. He told the group he may be sending out things committee members may want to be aware of regarding cultural competency in the community. He added they are still looking for training plans. Mr. Deupree said the goals of this workgroup are as follows: are certain groups underrepresented, and if so,

how to increase those numbers; are certain groups not responding to treatment; are certain groups underrepresented in treatment; and are certain groups underrepresented in staffing levels.

Kids Continuum of Care: Mr. Horozewski said they met last Friday and looked at vision and core values, had an outreach committee report, looked at a system of care release, and had open and honest dialog about the system.

Adult Continuum of Care: The first meeting of this workgroup will be on March 5th at 9am at the Health Care Center.

Consumer/Family: Chair Flanagan reminded the group this would be a separate agenda item later in the meeting.

Discussion regarding the Affordable Care Act. Ms. Haigh said she is the division manager for the Economic Support Division of the Human Services Department. They are responsible for food share, MA, and BadgerCare. She said Rock County is the lead county in a seven county consortium managing over 45,000 cases. She said the Affordable Care Act (ACA) affects BaderCare. Previously, BadgerCare mainly covered families, but now childless adults who fall under 100% of the federal poverty level are eligible. People over 100% of the federal poverty level have to use the marketplace. Ms. Haigh added that kids and pregnant women are covered at a higher level and there are about 16,000 uninsured people in Rock County. Ms. Robb said mental health and substance abuse were previously considered preexisting conditions, but under ACA, this is not a problem anymore and services for these issues can begin right away. She reminded the group March 31st is the end of open enrollment in the marketplace and an individual must apply by March 15th for coverage to begin on April 1st. Ms. Haigh added that an individual has 60 days to apply after a qualifying event (birth, death, etc.).

Ms. Randles said there are a large number of Rock County residents completely uninsured and many face barriers such as paying the premium, deductible, etc. Mercy has a program that may pay the premium cost for eligible individuals. She added that once enrolled, if the individual does not pay a premium for three months, they cannot reapply until the open enrollment period and individuals without a social security number or those that are incarcerated cannot apply. Ms. Robb said low-income individuals might be eligible for subsidies.

Consumer/Family Workgroup Presentation Workgroup Presentation. Mr. Parke Sutherland said the Grassroots Empowerment Project (GEP) wants people with lived mental health experience to be part of the decision making process and everyone works together as equals in decision-making. On February 26th at 4:30pm there would be a forum at the Job Center. Once the project gets underway, at the first meeting there will be two neutral facilitators and the group will pick a project to implement. Then, the group will meet monthly for a year. Mr. Parke Sutherland said he hopes the first meeting will happen in March.

Update and Report on COMPASS-EZ & SOCAT. Chair Flanagan said she changed the summary scoring form based on the BHRSC discussion and encouraged agencies that have not completed a COMPASS-EZ to do so.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Activities. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they finally had a technical assistance phone conference and are now moving forward on the grant activities. A resolution to hire the reentry social worker will be going to the County Board next week and then the hiring process can begin.

Review of Strategic Plan Outcome Dates and Discussion regarding Next Steps. Chair Flanagan said everything seems to be on target.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. Mr. Horozewski said the Children's System of Care Workgroup is close to meeting their outreach goal.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Ms. Johnson said there is an effort in Janesville to rescind a long standing ordinance which requires alcohol sales to be separate from other places of business, for instance, grocery stores in Janesville are currently not integrated with alcohol sales, there has to be a separate space for alcohol.

Ms. Schenck said her son was involved with law enforcement again and requested help.

Time and Date for Future Meetings. Thursday, March 20th, 2014, N1-N2, 5th Floor Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
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