

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)
September 17, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Flanagan called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:03 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth Floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Lou Peer (alt. for Supervisor Billy Bob Grahm), Chair Kate Flanagan, Neil Deupree, Linda Scott-Hoag, Jessica Kranz (alt. for Brian Gies), Dr. Ken Robbins, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Lance Horozewski, Sheila DeForest, Tami Lalor, Tim Perry, Ian Hedges, Cpt. Craig Strouse (alt. for Cmdr. Erik Chellevoid), Verlene Orr, Laura Neece, Tricia King, Emily Pelz, and Deputy Chief John Olsen.

Committee Members Absent: Judge R. Alan Bates, Samantha Palan, Pastor Mike Jackson, and Lindsay Stevens.

Staff Members Present: Greg Winkler, HSD Outpatient Clinics.

Others Present: Susan Probst; Steve Howland; Lynda Owens; and Ethel Below.

Approval of the Agenda. Mr. Perry moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Neece. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2015. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Lalor. ADOPTED.

Chair Flanagan asked everyone to introduce themselves and reminded everyone about the Mental Health and Wellness Fair going on this afternoon at the Job Center.

Workgroup Updates

Data Workgroup: This group has not met since last meeting, therefore, there are no updates available.

AODA Workgroup: Chair Flanagan said this group met Tuesday and is working on consensus and recommendations as to how to address the heroin/opiate problem in Rock County.

CCRG: Chair Flanagan said this group met yesterday and heard a presentation about the new intake unit at Human Services.

Cultural Competency: Mr. Deupree said the group met with Patrick Singer from HSD and Mr. Singer offered to try and obtain relevant data for the workgroup.

Kids Continuum of Care: Mr. Horozewski said this group met last week and a former CST client talked. He said parents are attending and they are bringing up barriers to the group.

Adult Continuum of Care: Chair Flanagan said they continue to work on internal redesign and will present information to the group.

Consumer/Family: Chair Flanagan said this group continues to work on the Wellness Fair that is happening today and the group also serves as the coordinating committee for CCS.

Adult Continuum of Care Presentation. Mr. Winkler talked about the new Intake Unit at HSD that began in July and handed out a brochure. He said licensed clinicians answer phones to screen for services they may be eligible for through the Mental Health and AODA Division. He said the call volume has steadily been going up. He asked for feedback on the brochure. Chair Flanagan said this project was born out of the Zia Report and they did not hire new staff to do this. A question was asked about Spanish speaking services/brochures.

Review of Strategic Plan Outcome Dates & Data Dashboard and Discussion regarding Next Steps. Chair Flanagan handed out the document which explains what the workgroups identified as next steps. She went over the document. For the Data Workgroup, she said there is no identified leader for this group that can commit to leading it and this is a barrier moving forward. She asked the group how to get someone to take this on. Mr. Perry asked if this group has a clear mission/purpose. Ms. Orr said in some work she's done for grants, there is not a good sense of what the need is in the community. Chair Flanagan said she and Ms. Pohlman McQuillen would reach out to the original data group to start over and figure out a purpose/task.

For the CCRG, Chair Flanagan said they are discussing finding a place for intoxicated individuals who cannot get into jail or detox without medical clearance and there are ER doctors refusing to do this medical clearance.

Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Activities Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said they received a one-year extension on the grant until the end of September 2016. Chair Flanagan said HSD and the Sheriff's Office agreed to fund the position through 2016.

Update regarding AODA Funding through the Rock County Human Services Department. Chair Flanagan said the County Board approved additional AODA funding for 2015. She added that a RFQ will go out next week for a position to provide services to folks who are waiting for treatment.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. Ms. DeForest said her son presented at a CST conference and received a lot of positive feedback. Chair Flanagan referenced the Mental Health and Wellness Fair going on this afternoon.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Ms. Owens asked about data pertaining to cultural competency and how to access that data to see what's going on. Chair Flanagan said such data would be presented at a future BHRSC meeting. Ms. Owens also made the observation that the BHRSC is not a diverse group. Ms. DeForest asked that when looking at data on cultural competence, to please look at the number of providers of color.

Future Meeting Date and Time Thursday, November 18, 2015, at Noon, in N1-N2, 5th Floor Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
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