



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REDESIGN STEERING COMMITTEE (BHRSC)
Minutes – March 21, 2019**

Call to Order. Chair Luster 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 Louis Peer, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Commander Craig Strouse, Tim Perry, Tricia Murray, Linda Scott Hoag, Dr. Ken Robbins, Greg Winkler, Chair Kate Luster, Judge Karl Hanson, Judge Michael Haakenson, Neil Deupree, Lindsay Stevens, Michelle Babilus (alt. for Emily Pelz), Patty Slatter and Samantha Palan.

Committee Members Absent: Tami Ellis, Vice Chair Ian Hedges, Lance Horozewski, Laura Neece, Dave Pluymers and Michelle Rose-Barajas.

Staff Members Present: Bette Trimble, HSD Crisis Supervisor.

Others Present: Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health; Mark Freitag, City of Janesville Manager; Betty Conklin, WREP; and Ethel Below.

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Deupree moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2019. Supervisor Peer moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Scott Hoag. ADOPTED.

Follow-Up on Referral Pathways and Removing Barriers to Care. Chair Luster said a meeting had been organized with behavioral health providers in the community to discuss pathways and barriers. Rock County Human Services, Crossroads, Mercy Options, Beloit Health Systems, Genesis and Associates in Psychotherapy attended the meeting. They shared the intention of the BHRSC. Each agency shared their processes on referrals. They determined the core to success is to maintain a relationship between the agencies. They agreed to continue to have a forum to meet. Chair Luster shared a rough draft of the data gathered from the meeting. Mr. Winkler will reach out to other providers to attend future meetings. Mr. Perry said Crossroads is studying their no show referrals in order to try and improve the no show rate.

Update on using AHEC Funds for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Education and Discussion of Next Steps. They have decided to move forward by targeting specific health systems. Many health systems are doing their own thing already. The goal is to help enhance and expand their efforts and maximize the impact within the major health systems. Edgerton Hospital has shown interest, as well. The next meeting will be early April.

Discussion regarding Janesville Homeless Initiative. Chair Luster introduced Janesville City Manager, Mark Freitag. He wanted to share news on the City's homeless initiative which started around June of 2018. They formed a group called FOCUS (Finding Opportunities and Collaborating to Unite Services). Members of the group include City of Janesville staff, homeless service providers in the community, and other interested parties. They have created short-term and long-term goals. Some

short-term goals are: resource cards provided to downtown business owners to handout to homeless individuals, resource cards provided to all patrol officers, created HOT (Homeless Outreach Team), partnership with ECHO and HITF to run transitional housing with case management services, review current city ordinances on homeless living in their vehicles and provide safe overnight parking, opportunity for the City of Janesville to provide seasonal employment for a few homeless individuals, caseworkers visiting the Hedberg Public Library, and third shift transportation solutions. Some long-term goals are: affordable housing, small home neighborhoods, talks with SSM Health on detox capability, inpatient mental health treatment center, assisting Seneca on opening up the vacancy rate at the Motel 6 and talks with City of Beloit on efforts in their city.

Information regarding 211 Substance Abuse Resource Line. Chair Luster brought the website (211Wisconsin.communityos.org) up on the smartboard. She wanted to make sure everyone knew about this resource. The committee reviewed some of the resources available on the website. Providers can call 211 to update information.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals. None.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. Prevent Suicide Wisconsin will hold its 9th Annual Conference on May 2 and 3 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen will send out more information to the committee.

Ms. Conklin reported that WREP met recently. They are working on community events. NAMI will be doing a presentation at their April meeting. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at the Job Center from 11:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Deupree complimented Rock County Human Services on their Diversity Action Team presentation. He also attended the Rock Valley Community Program presentation last Friday on jail reentry. He said it was very informational.

Future Meeting Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019, 12:00 P.M., N1-N2, 5th Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. Dr. Robbins moved adjournment at 12:50 P.M., second by Ms. Murray.
ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt,
HR Secretary

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