

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, June 25, 2018
Olathe
MINUTES

Members Present: Commissioner Michael Ashcraft, Roger Cooper, Gordon Docking, Erin George, Jane Fletcher, **Nancy Ingram**, Judge Michael Joyce, **Michele Lockwood**, Janice Love, Marilyn Scafe, Michael Seitz, Fabian Shepard and **Scott Tschudy (absent)**

Staff Present: Tim DeWeese, Tanner Fortney, Maury Thompson, Liz George, Alison Hover and Donna Berry

Guest(s) Present: Harry and Mary Bognich; Lori McKinney

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda/Public Comments –

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seitz at 5:30 pm. Guests were welcomed and introductions were made. There were no public comments.

Mr. Docking moved to approve the agenda. Ms. George seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments/Concerns –

Mr. Seitz reported he attended the Human Services Summit held on June 18th and stated that Mr. DeWeese did an outstanding job reporting on mental health services and affordable housing during the panel discussion. He also thanked Mr. Thompson and his wife for helping sponsor that event.

Ms. Love shared that a member of her church was in need of outreach and she commended Mr. DeWeese and his team on the promptness in assisting her.

Commissioner Ashcraft introduced our newest board member, Fabian Shepard. Mr. Shepard reported that the Lenexa Chamber has received a number of positive comments from the Night of Hope. He also shared that it is important for this board to encourage public attendance at other community forums regarding mental health.

Meeting Minutes Approval –

Ms. George moved to approve the minutes of May 21st. Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

BOCC Liaison Report –

Commissioner Ashcraft also commented on Mr. DeWeese's participation on a panel at SMMC's "Night of Hope" speaking on suicide issues and stated he represented the agency well.

Program Report(s) –

Mr. DeWeese introduced Liz George and she reviewed a slide presentation on the children and family services division (attached). A parent of a child previously in the program spoke briefly on her family's experience with the SED waiver program, the success her child has had and how beneficial it was for the whole family. She mentioned that most of the time parents do not know where to go to access services and stressed the importance of promoting this beneficial service.

Action Item(s) – None

Director's Report –

- Mr. Fortney briefly reviewed the Dashboard/Financial report as distributed at the meeting (attached). He stated suicides continue to be quite high despite outreach efforts. He reported

the areas of main focus at the moment are “Number of Clients Receiving Same Day intake & Psych” and “Percentage of Medical Clients Not Keeping Med Appointment”. Mr. DeWeese mentioned that by September we will have a full staff of prescribers for the first time in a very long time. This, and extra efforts to remind clients of appointments, will hopefully have an impact on the outcome results. The fund balance is at just over 9% and within the next few years we hope to be at the 8-10% recommended by the county. Mr. Docking felt the suicide goal for our own people should be zero. He feels that having 1 suicide and have it show as “green” is unacceptable.

- Mr. Fortney shared that the budget meeting will be held in July and it should be approved in August. He also reported that there will be a slight mill levy lowering and currently our fund balance looks encouraging. Mr. DeWeese encouraged any board member who would like to attend the budget hearing in support of mental health to feel free to do so. Commissioner Ashcraft echoed his remarks, but felt it was a citizen’s duty to attend to advocate on behalf of county services.
- Mr. DeWeese reviewed specific items on his director’s report (attached), but asked that the full report be reviewed at their leisure.

Mr. Seitz entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Docking moved to approve the motion to adjourn. Ms. Love seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

The next MHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 27, 2018, at the Olathe offices (1125 W. Spruce, Olathe, KS).

Submitted by:

Donna Berry