

**MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD  
JOINT MEETING WITH BOCC/CMO  
Monday, March 28, 2022  
111 S. Cherry Street, Room 200  
MINUTES**

**Members Present:** John Bergantine, Gordon Docking, Commissioner Becky Fast, Erin George, Nancy Ingram, **Michele Lockwood**, Nikki McDonald, Michael Seitz, Justin Shepherd, Robert Sullivan, Jim Terrones, B. Scott Tschudy, Anne Timmons, Mike Walrod, Judge Robert Wonnell. **(Red reflects absent)**

**Staff Present:** Tim DeWeese, Susan Rome, Tanner Fortney, John Bergantine, Joe Connor, Debbi Naster

**BOCC/CMO:** **Shirley Allenbrand**, Michael Ashcraft, Ed Eilert, Janee Hanzlick, Jeff Meyers, Charlotte O'Hara, Penny Postoak Ferguson, **Maury Thompson**, **Joe Waters**, Joe Connor, **Scott Neufeld**

**Guest(s) Present:** Harry & Mary Bognich (League of Women Voters), Good Faith Network guests: Helene Albano, Jerry Bakker, Aileen Ball, Carol Ducak, Grace Hart, Ruth Hopkins, Becky Johnston, Vicki Love, Jennifer Savner Levinson, Linda Seiner

Mike Walrod (Chairman) has family with a history of mental health issues. Mike wants to know more about community services, ways to navigate getting assistance, and how best to help his young children in the future with the tools necessary for good health.

Erin George (Vice Chair) has been on the board since its inception. She has lived experience and has a child with mental health issues. Erin worked at CSS for 5 years, helping others take educational classes and by participating on this board she can be both an advocate in the community and bring issues to the board to address.

Jim Terrones is new to the board this year and brings a long resume serving in local public service, with a criminal justice focus. Jim said there are many still afraid to get help and wants to help break the stigma. He said Tim and his staff to a great job assisting at-risk adults

Mike Seitz has been on the board for six years with Erin and Scott and has been on the B.V. School Board for 11 years. He is a retired executive of Embarq and currently a partner in BOARDynamics. Mike sits on a number of other boards currently and throughout his career.

Justin Shepherd is a police officer with Overland Park and is currently assigned to the O.P. Crisis Action Team (OPCAT). He has been a member of the Kansas Law Enforcement CIT Council in Johnson County since 2018 and works with co-responders embedded in the program.

Anne Timmons sits on both the Advisory Board and Friends of JCMHC Board as a community advocate. Anne is passionate about helping people get access to the right services at the right time and knows the importance of this as she has a son who has needed services. Anne also

was on the O.P. Mental Health Task Force and currently on JoCo United Board, as well as a congregational care minister for the recovery community.

Judge Robert Wonnell is in his 8<sup>th</sup> year on the bench in Johnson County, overseeing the care and treatment and assisted outpatient treatment dockets. He serves on the Kansas delegation partnering with the National Center for State Courts with their initiative in addressing the court's response to mental illness. He has planned a Behavioral Health Summit to take place this April 2022.

Scott Tschudy is an attorney who previously served on the governing board of JCDS and is currently serving on their Friends Board. He has been on this board since its inception and is familiar with dual diagnosis. Scott sees tremendous work being done at JCMHC.

Nikki McDonald is new to the board and has extensive experience in education. She is a former ESL teacher in Olathe as well as a former 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. She has an 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grader with mental health challenges and has learned that mental health IS health. Nikki pays special attention to local government to see where tax dollars go. She is an advocate for Olathe public schools.

Robert Sullivan is the Director of Johnson County's Department of Corrections. Robert shared that about 25% of those on probation have severe mental illness with a higher percentage in jail facilities so his department works with JCMHC on many different levels.

Gordon Docking has had many leadership roles in the health care industry., including being the CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center, CEO of St. Joseph Medical Center and CEO of Kids TLC. He looks forward to helping our community in his role as a board member.

Nancy Ingram is a founding member and past executive director for the Olathe Public Schools Foundation and now is a trustee at JCCC. She wants to make sure there is a smooth transition of services for students in public schools to their next step, be it college or other. Nancy shared there are currently 1700 students going from public schools to JCCC.

Following the introduction of the board, Chairman Eilert thanked all the board members for their volunteer service to the Mental Health Advisory Board. He said the county has 11,000 volunteers this year with 312 of those individuals serving on commission boards.

Guests of the meeting introduced themselves from the League of Women Voters and the Good Faith Network. GFN is a group of 20 congregations and 3 faiths who are advocating for changes that address the root cause of our community's most pressing problems, prioritizing the mental health and homelessness crises in Johnson County.

### **Call to Order/Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman (Chair), Mike Walrod at 5:30 p.m.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Mike W. entertained a motion to adopt today's agenda. Nancy moved to approve the agenda. John B. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with all members present and the motion carried.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

Mike Walrod entertained a motion to approve the January 24, 2022, meeting minutes. Erin moved to approve the minutes and Anne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous with all members present voting to approve. The motion carried.

### **Director's Report:**

#### 60 Years of Service to Johnson County, KS

- Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> we will have the first annual fundraiser and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of JCMHC. Please save the date.
- Museum at Prairie Fire, Overland Park, KS 6-9 p.m.

#### CARF Accreditation

- 2019 JCMHC received the highest accreditation CARF can give - 3 years
- Now, we are going through the process again from April 6 through 8, 2022.

#### Pandemic Impact

- Telehealth has supplemented and enhanced what we do.
- 7,500 individuals are served who are in crisis and numbers have risen each year since 2019.
- Staff turnover went from 15 to 19 to 27% from 2019-2021. This has been new for us.
- At one point we had 40 positions open.
- County Auditor has done a study with MNH regarding workforce issues and will present to the BOCC when it is finished
- Regrading of clinicians occurred in January 2022. A decade ago, they were downgraded and put in a lower pay grade. HR reevaluated and approved to go back up to 17.17 and draw on new people to join JCMHC.
- Others across the county have had the same problem with staff turnover.

#### Co-Responder Program

- The program has expanded to 12 police jurisdictions covering 16 different cities.
- In some cases, we have co-responders available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

#### 2023 Budget Process

- There are 3 things to look at for non-personnel RARs.
- *Avatar Hosting* - We began by self-hosting our medical records. We are moving to a cloud hosted environment, making it easier and more efficient for JoCo DTI
- Those in blue on power point are requests made and we have funding for these through CCBHC or through 988 or other grant funds.
- County Budget Retreat will take place soon and more discussion will ensue.

### Capital Improvement Program FY 2023-FY 2027 Capital and Operating Impact

- Will include (1) New Olathe MNH Facility, (2) Community Support Services Facility, (3) TRP renovation to lower level for Community Support Services, (4) Southwest Multi-Service Center at New Century to primarily house JCMHC and Aging & Human Services.

### Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)

- This is the biggest thing to affect Mental Health since Mental Health Reform Act of 1990.
- Now we use “fee for service,” which is underfunded, and we don’t clear our costs.
- With CCBHC’s we will have a “prospective payment program,” working with the state to develop a cost report, and, based upon that cost report a Prospective Payment Rate. That rate will be reevaluated every two years. This pays JCMHC for total cost of service, not fee generated.
- We can then get paid for the level of service we provide to our community. That may bring in 5 million dollars annually.
- There are expectations in becoming a CCBHC and we have to cover 9 specific services. We already provide 8 of them. Integrated Primary Care is the only one still to address, which is the need to access chronic care conditions like diabetes and hypertension. These are issues clients don’t typically get care for. Soon we will be able to provide basic care needs.
- We hope to begin these in July at Shawnee and Olathe. We already have the pharmacies.
- The rate is determined only for Medicaid clients, which will reduce the next amount.
- 7.2 million dollars of charitable care is provided to the community with mental health services.
- Co pays are determined on the person’s ability to pay.

### National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and 988 Transition

- For decades we have provided a crisis line.
- Jo Co residents were staying on hold for 15-20 minutes when they reached the national line, so we looked to become a part of the hotline to serve the Johnson County residents. These calls are answered by our people who know the services available.
- July 16, 2022 is when we move to 988. 10 million dollars in funding will go to 4 sites across Kansas - Sedgwick County, the Headquarters in Lawrence for the central part of Kansas, Johnson County, and another site to be determined to take the remainder of the calls.
- Chairman asked about services in the jail and Tim shared information on Data Tracking.
- Research from the University of Notre Dame helped us to better services at the jail (getting their medication, reducing booking times), connecting people with resources when they leave the jail, and our connection with them within the next 72 hours, 90 days, and 180 days.
- Reentry Team is new to JCMHC, and we have worked with Corrections on this. The Sheriff’s office would also like to see us expand upon this, i.e., medication-assisted treatment.
- Chairman asked about the funds we received from the private sector years ago.

Peer Transportation Program

- Tanner explained how we have provided transportation since the mid-1990s, i.e., medical appointments, education.
- For decades we have seen the benefit of Peer-Drivers for both the client-drivers and the clients themselves.
- A 2017 partnership with United Health Care led to a high-level analysis and confirmed that medically people improved at a rate of 50-70%.
- State Medicaid is getting closer to reimbursing us. We will negotiate this through the state and hire additional staff with the help of UCS. We will be the model for what others in Kansas do and get.
- We will need 12 FTE Drivers
- Many are receiving SSDI, but UHC agreed to pay them a competitive wage of \$14 an hour and pay to give them health insurance through the exchanges. UHC will pay for salary, KPERs, health insurance; it's almost as if we are getting a grant.
- This will be limited to those who have driven for us as a peer, having had a live experience.
- Commissioner Ashcraft asked for more information about mental health and homeless individuals. Tim explained we have one cold-weather shelter, which will soon be closing. There is no permanent JoCo shelter at this time. Could this happen at the state level? a supported housing process to provide people transitional housing, permanent supportive housing? JCMHC does not have group homes. Working with the Federal government is difficult for us to determine the magnitude of homelessness in JoCo. We can focus who is at the shelters, but this is not a true representation of homeless.
- Tim said if we go to each of the school districts, we could see who is on the McKinney-Vento list? The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 is a U.S. federal law that provides federal money for homeless shelter programs.
- GFN meeting at COR on May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Tanner will be presenting to the BOCC in a few weeks on the Transportation software. We need to upgrade for security and functionality. UHC will be paying for this.

**Board Comments:**

- Nikki asked that the County look at a permanent homeless shelter.
- Commissioners Hanzlick, Allenbrand, Fast have been working on a subcommittee to work with ARPA funds to help with housing.
- The Good Faith Network has been working on this project.
- Nikki said, "We can afford what we prioritize."
- Problem Solving Beds - Robert explained how Corrections has 24 beds on the campus of the Adult Residential Center. This gives a place for a justice-involved person to stay if they are housing insecure. This involves many with mental health issues. Staff works with community stakeholders. There is no cost for up to 60 days, with an average stay of 21 days. They have gone as high as 30 beds but try to stay close to 24.
- Tim said 48 new vouchers have been opened up for housing. There is movement in our community.
- Nancy shared \$44,000 was raised for mental health at the Olathe Public Schools Foundation fundraiser last week!

**Mike W's comments:**

- Mike thanked the BOCC for their past support and appreciate their support continuing in the future. He hopes this joint meeting was educational for everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

**The next JCMHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:00/Dinner and 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022, at the Mission office.**

Submitted by:

Debbi Naster

**Handouts:**

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Power Point Presentation
- 2022 Board Report Items