

**MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 27, 2017
Olathe**

MINUTES

Members Present: Roger Cooper, Gordon Docking, Erin George, Jane Fletcher, Judge Michael Joyce, Tom Keary, Janice Love, Marilyn Scafe, Michael Seitz, and Scott Tschudy (absent)

BOCC Present: Chairman Eilert, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Ashcraft, Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Shaffer

Staff Present: Tim DeWeese, Susan Rome, Maury Thompson. Beth Barbour and Donna Berry

Guest(s) Present: Harry and Mary Bognich, Hannes Zacharias, Penny Postoak Ferguson, Scott Neufeld and Joe Waters

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seitz at 5:45 pm. Introductions were made. He then turned the table to Chairman Eilert who recognized and thanked Mr. Tschudy for stepping in as chair for the mental health advisory board during a very turbulent time. Mr. DeWeese also recognized Mr. Tschudy with a mental health challenge coin.

Role and expectations of the Advisory Board – Mr. Seitz reminded the group of his request of Mr. Thompson to review the role and expectations of the board as we move into the next phase of our journey. Mr. Thompson reviewed the document included in the packet. The board acknowledged receipt of this document

Financial Reports –

- Mr. Seitz gave history of the financial reporting process and asked how much data the board really needs. It was proposed that the reporting take place on an “as needed” basis. Further conversations will take place regarding how this will look. He also discussed dissolving the finance committee and utilize the executive committee for this purpose. Mr. Neufeld presented the 2017 mental health financial overview and reported it is much more stable and achievable. He is hopeful that by 2018 MHC should be close to the 8-10% fund balance. He did report that the bulk of the budget work will be completed in April rather than May. Chairman Eilert shared that Secretary Keck is supporting exempting hospitals from the conceal gun law and a request was made to include all mental health agencies as well.

Director’s Report –

- State of Mental Health in the County and the State – Mr. DeWeese reviewed a report regarding this issue as distributed to the group. Discussion took place regarding the effect the co-responders have on the number of clients we serve. Mr. Zacharias remarked that we should not discount the reviewed innovative mental health initiatives taking place as there is nationwide recognition on what we are doing in Johnson County. Discussion took place regarding the opioid epidemic and Mr. Keary shared that the epi-center for the metropolitan area has been identified as southern JoCo.

Open Discussion/Thoughts on Future Mental Health Services

- Commissioner Eilert thanked all the board members for their participation and support of the agency. Mr. Seitz thanked the BOCC for their support.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

The next MHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2017, at the Olathe office (1125 W. Spruce St).

Submitted by:

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