MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD  
Monday, May 22, 2017  
Olathe

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Susan Rome, Tanner Fortney, Maury Thompson, Delissa Cooper, Christy Barnett, Kelly Ross, David Hanson, Shana Burgess, Megan Clark, Liz Worth and Donna Berry

Guest(s) Present: Harry and Mary Bognich, Jessica Williams and Shawn Reynolds

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda/Public Comments –

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seitz at 5:30 pm. Introductions of visitors and presenters were made. He asked if there were any additional items or changes to the agenda. There were none.

Judge Joyce moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Fletcher seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes Approval –

Ms. George moved to approve the minutes of April 24th. Judge Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

BOCC Liaison Report –

- Commissioner Allen reported beginning to work through the preliminary budget presentation. The County is in a good financial position although there are still concerns about what will happen at the state level. He also reported on the article in Bloomberg about the tragic event at Austin’s, however there were several positives mentioned about Olathe and Johnson County. Mr. Thompson reported on efforts needed to educate our federal legislative delegates on Medicaid and what it actually does in our community due to possible cuts by President Trump.

Program Report(s) –

- **Enhancing Community Partnerships** – Ms. Rome gave a brief background history on the SIT (acronym) for enhancing community partnerships. Ms. Cooper distributed a sheet identifying Core Community Partners and stated that input/feedback is encouraged as it is a list in progress. The partners on the list would agree to accept MHC referrals and give feedback on progress as they possibly transfer back to the MHC for services and vice-versa. The process itself and criteria for referral is still being worked out. Discussion took place on whether partners are being identified who may be able to assist in filling in service gaps. Mr. Thompson stated that it may be beneficial to have a future presentation on MyRC (Resource Connection) and the how it works.

- **Strengthening Families** – Ms. Clark presented a PowerPoint on the Strengthening Families program and how it benefits the community. Jessica Williams (site coordinator) and Shawn Reynolds (Olathe PD) reported on the effectiveness of the program from a community partner perspective. Ms. Burgess shared it is a unique balance to maintain sustainability of the program at each location.

Director’s Report –

- Ms. Rome briefly reviewed the director’s report as distributed. Engagement survey results will be presented at another meeting.
Financial Report/Dashboard Update -
- Mr. Fortney briefly reviewed the dashboard results and the rise in suicides, both in the community and from the center. He also touched on the rise in medical DNKA rates. Ms. Rome shared we are very close in filling a vacant psychiatrist position which may aid in lowering this number. Mr. Fortney reported that revenues and fund balance are ahead of budget projections due to an increase in fee-for-service.

Board Member(s) Concerns/Comments –
Mr. Seitz stated he would like board members to feel free to make comments and/or raise concerns they may have before the meeting adjourns each month.
- A request was made to attach the link for the Bloomberg article mentioned by Commissioner Allen to the minutes.
- Agenda item for June: Discuss Advisory Board provision of a meal to Strengthening Families.
- Request made for a list of programs and descriptions for Board member reference.

Judge Joyce moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Ms. Fletcher seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

The next MHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 26, 2017, at the Olathe office (1125 W. Spruce St).

Submitted by:

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