

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, June 26, 2017
Olathe

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Tim DeWeese, Susan Rome, Tanner Fortney, Corey Stoltz, Peggy Shear-Martin and Donna Berry

Guest(s) Present: Harry Bognich

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda/Public Comments –

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Seitz at 5:30 pm. Mr. DeWeese introduced Nancy Ingram as the newest member of the advisory board. Group introductions were made and she shared a little of her background. Mr. Seitz asked if there were any additional items or changes to the agenda. There were none.

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

Meeting Minutes Approval –

Ms. George moved to approve the minutes of May 22nd. Judge Joyce seconded. Motion carried.

BOCC Liaison Report –

- Commissioner Allen reported on an agenda item this Thursday regarding carrying firearms in specified county buildings. Budget report has been wrapped up and the county is in great standing.

Program Report(s) –

- *United Healthcare/Dartmouth Transportation Pilot* – Mr. DeWeese provided background on a new initiative that could be very beneficial to our clients and agency as a whole. He introduced Peggy Shear-Martin and Corey Stoltz and their involvement with the project. Ms. Shear-Martin provided information on the background of the initiative and how we became involved. Mr. Fortney reviewed a PowerPoint presentation outlining the project itself (attached). Discussion took place on potential outcome measures for our consumer drivers, as well as the clients transported. It should be noted that this is a fully funded project that will not require any monies from the county/agency. A letter of agreement should be ready for review soon. This project is slated to end in October 2018, but it is unknown how the results will be used in moving forward.

Mr. Keary made a motion that the board support the program as presented tonight notwithstanding any changes in format or numbers. Ms. Scafe seconded. A request was made that the finalized budget sent to the Advisory Board when it is sent to the BOCC for accept. Motion carried. Mr. Fortney asked that the motion note that this is a project, not a change to any programs.

Modified motion to read the board support the project as presented tonight, notwithstanding any changes in format or numbers.

Financial Report/Dashboard Update -

- Mr. Fortney briefly reviewed the dashboard results in red which included client suicides and suicides overall in Johnson County. Discussion took place on recent suicides in the county (4 in 7 days) and only one had had any contact with JCMHC. Mr. DeWeese reported on challenging the suicide coalition to reassess the plan to address the rise in suicides. Mr. Fortney also stated DNKA rates continue to rise and there has been outreach by the customer care center to the clients. No decisive reasons were arrived at, but this item will continue to be investigated. He also mentioned that fund balance is looking very good and is projecting 9.5-10% for reserves.

Director's Report –

- Mr. DeWeese briefly reviewed the director's report as distributed (attached). He also reviewed the snapshot analysis report of the mental health center based on the county engagement survey (attached). Most all numbers were vastly improved from the previous survey in 2015. Mr. Thompson stated it is phenomenal and congratulated the management team. Mr. Seitz wanted Mr. DeWeese to let staff know the importance of the engagement survey results. He congratulated Mr. DeWeese and his staff for the efforts that have taken place since he became director.

Board Member(s) Concerns/Comments –

Mr. Seitz stated the point of board comments is to add/reflect items from personal lives for the good of the cause.

- Mr. Cooper praised Mr. DeWeese for his ability to choose great members for his team. He also reported he attended a disc golf event and was impressed with number of persons in the community coming together for a common goal of preventing suicides.
- Mr. Keary reported on the goal of 100% of all officers becoming trained in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). They are now offering monthly classes for officers in MHFA.
- Ms. Scafe attended United Community Services' (UCS) strategic planning due to being curious of the process and found that mental health is at the top of their list as important community items.
- Ms. Ingram reported being very impressed and stated that she also serves on the Johnson County Community College board of trustees. Requests have been made the past two years to include a staff person with a background in mental health.
- Ms. Love stated that her church offers a food pantry and a cancer care support ministry.
- Judge Joyce stated that he was asked to serve on this advisory board when it began and the first year was a painstaking process. Being able to serve on this board at this point is a pleasure.
- Mr. Seitz reported that Blue Valley School District gave their superintendent the challenge to educate the entire child. As a result, there will be 19 Social Workers spread throughout the district to help struggling students. Last year, suicide interventions totaled over 300 and of the 22,000 students in Blue Valley, it is estimated 5,000 are at-risk. We are all here because mental health issues affect many more people than we are aware of.
- Ms. George shared her personal story and how the mental health center has helped her in coping and regaining control.

Ms. Love moved to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Mr. Keary seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

The next MHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2017, at the Olathe office (1125 W. Spruce St).

Submitted by:
Donna Berry