

**Minutes of the  
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee  
Monday, February 27, 2017  
Winnebago County Health Department,  
555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

**Present:** Angie Goral (Chair), Philip Eaton, Carol Klint, Richard Kunnert, Dr. Charles Smith, Dr. Sandra Martell (ex officio), Matthew Toohey

**Absent:** Richard Kunnert

**Support Staff Present:** Harlan Johnson, Melissa Westphal

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Introduction of Guests/Public Participation:** Angie Goral introduced and welcomed guests Marsha Comroy and Elizabeth Grisanzio from Aunt Martha's Youth Service; Jeffrey Kirk – Mental Health Association of Rock River Valley; and Debbie Montana, Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee. Aunt Martha's representatives provided an overview of their organization's history, mission, relationship with Swedish American Healthy System (Hospital) and their model of primary care integrated with behavioral healthcare.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Phillip Eaton moved and Matt Toohey seconded to set the agenda.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**  
Dr. Charles Smith motioned and Carol Klint seconded approval of the minutes for the Mental Health Advisory Committee for January 19, 2017. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.
4. **Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports/Action Plans**
  - a. **Data**  
Matt Toohey reported that the Data Sub-committee has not met since January 2017. Dr. Martell provided an update that the Provider/Referent Data files for posting have not been received from Dr. Penny Billman despite attempts to contact in February 2017 with the direction of Dave Peterson representing Winnebago County. Angie Goral reported that Dave Peterson had retired and Karen Fiery was no longer working for Winnebago County. Dr. Martell will attempt to contact again this month.
  - b. **Messaging/Marketing**  
Melissa Westphal provided an overview of the meeting held January 23, 2017. Since there was no quorum, minutes are informational only. Messaging/Marketing committee will be working to support the Steering Committee in its activities. The Messaging/Marketing Committee will meet on February 28, 2017 at 9:00 am at Restoration Café.
  - c. **Finance – No report**
5. **Community Support Systems Framework**  
Work group of Richard Kunnert, Matt Toohey, Dr. Charles Smith, and Dr. Martell has not met to review the role, structure, and governance of the Coordinating Agency. A meeting will be scheduled in March. In the interim, Dr. Martell will resend the documents via email provided by Association of Community Mental Health Authorities in Illinois regarding statutes and the survey for the group to review.

**6. Steering Committee**

The "Steering Committee" comprised of representatives from NAMI Northern Illinois, Hope Over Addiction, Mental Health Association of Rock River Valley, Access Services of Northern Illinois, League of Women Voters, and Rockford Regional Health Council met with Chair Angie Goral and Dr. Martell. The three-page "white paper" outlining the priorities of the survey, the proposed budget to address the system, and analysis of funding options was reviewed. The Steering Committee is charged with providing a recommendation to the Mental Health Advisory Committee on the funding option to address the priorities. No decision has been made regarding the source of funding. The Mental Health Advisory Committee will then review the recommendations, decide on the course of action, and communicate with the Winnebago County Board Chairman.

**7. Updates**

**a. Legislative – Illinois Health and Human Services Budget**

Concerns regarding budget impasse were shared and discussed by members present. Status of 1115 Waiver for Illinois including the supportive services for behavioral health has not been approved. Discussion regarding block granting of Medicaid funds to states could have significant impact on mental/behavioral health in Illinois.

**8. Additions:**

**a. Naloxone Distribution Grant**

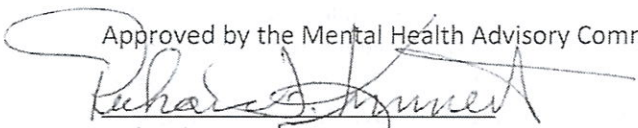
No additional information has been received. Winnebago County Health Department submitted the required application paperwork with support of partners Rosecrance, Rememdiess, and University of Illinois College of Medicine and Pharmacy at Rockford. Dr. Martell will continue to keep the group updated.

**9. Next Meeting:** March 27, 2017, 9:00 am – 11:00 am; Winnebago County Health Department, 555 N. Court Street, Room 115; Rockford, IL

**10. Meeting Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 am with a motion by Matt Toohey and seconded by Phillip Eaton, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

5/3/2017  
Date

  
Richard Kunnert, Secretary

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