

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

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

**Absent:** Carol Klint and Richard Kunnert

Guests: Mike Bacon, Joe Capone – NAMI, Marsha Comroy and Elizabeth Grisanzio – Aunt Martha’s Youth Services, Harlan Johnson, Mike Blazer and Debbie Montana – Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee

**Support Staff Present:** Sara Ruud (recorder)

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Introduction of Guests/Public Participation:** Angie Goral welcomed guests Marsha Comroy and Elizabeth Grisanzio from Aunt Martha’s Youth Service; and Debbie Montana, Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee. Sara Ruud was introduced as the Executive Assistant for the Winnebago County Health Department and will be working with Dr. Martell to support the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Philip Eaton moved and Matt Toohey seconded to set the agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes could not be approved because members had not received them and had time to review them. Dr. Martell will have February 27, 2017 minutes resent
- 4. Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports/Action Plans**
  - a. Data**

The Provider/Referrent data has not been received for posting yet.yet. Dr. Martell reached out last month to Dr. Billman for the data but has not received a response. Richard Kunnert will reach out on a personal note to Dr. Billman for the data. This data is important to have as the Steering Committee moves forward on making their recommendations. Dr. Martell asked that anyone who has an unofficial and official capacity is to reach out to the Dr. Billman for the data.
  - b. Messaging/Marketing**

The Messaging/Marketing Committee is taking a break to wait on the direction that will be proposed by the Steering Committee to the Mental Health Advisory Committee to see what kind of message they want to put forward. Since there was no quorum, minutes are informational only. Messaging/Marketing committee will be working to support the Steering Committee in its activities.
  - 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 April.

**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 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. Crime commission Plan-**

Dr. Martell and Angie Goral were invited to speak at the April 11, 2017 presentation. They are unable to make that date but they are hoping to attend the next one. The Crime Commission Strategic Plan has significant overlaps with the Mental Health Advisory Committee plan. There will be opportunities to align and provide mutual support.

**b. Legislative**

Repeal and Replace of the Affordable Care Act was defeated and not brought forward by the Senate. The repeal and/or replacement of the ACA would have had significant impact on mental health services currently covered.

**c. NAMI Northern Illinois-Mulligans for Mental Illness**

This fundraiser gives Mental Health Advisory Committee(MHAC) an opportunity to get their name out to the public by sponsoring a hole. There was no objection to getting Mental Health Advisory Committee name out there. Matthew Toohey and Dr. Charles Smith have volunteered to sponsor a hole and list their names on behalf of the organization. Dr. Martell will reach out to the Chairman to inform him. It is important that all understand that the MHAC does not receive any funding for their work and any donations would be voluntary from Council members.

**d. Rockford Chamber of Commerce Leadership Project on Mental Health**

Dr. Martell has sent the group lead by Andrew Macklin the assessment data with the disclaimers as well as the annual report and the three page White Paper developed by the MHAC Messaging/Marketing Committee. This group could also be a strong advocate going forward and they are looking forward to participating.

**8. Additions:**

**9. None**

**10. Next Meeting:** April 24, 2017, 9:00 am – 11:00 am; Winnebago County Health Department, 555 N. Court Street, Room 115; Rockford, IL

**11. Meeting Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 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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