

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Monday, April 24, 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, Carol Klint and Richard Kunnert

Absent:

Guests: Mike Bacon, Harlan Johnson, Melissa Westphal, and Debbie Montana – Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee, Paul Logli, Mary Ann Abate,

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 everyone and asked for a roll call.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Matthew Toohey moved and Philip Eaton seconded to set the agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:**

March 27, 2017 minutes were approved on the condition that two corrections were completed. Carol Clint needs to be changed to Carol Klint and Dr. Martell cannot not move so her name needs to be switched. With that being completed Matthew Toohey moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to approve the minutes.
- 4. Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports/Action Plans**
 - a. Data**

No progress has been made. Richard Kunnert will reach out on a personal note to 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. It was brought to the committee's attention that behavior health, substance abuse, and development disability should be mentioned. The committee felt that substance abuse is becoming a major issue in the community.
 - 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.
- 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 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. They are looking at a 708 but the concern is that the area is not growing; therefore, the value of property taxes may not bring in enough funds to support the cause. Another option is the one percent sales tax but there are a few obstacles that would have to be worked through in order for that to pass. The first obstacle is that the county of Winnebago does not have home rule and the second obstacle is the legislation regarding those individual sales tax dealing with public structure, public safety, and correctional facility. It was thought we could argue that this is a public safety issue but as of right now, the state attorney is saying no to that argument. They would be willing to support us if we went for a carve out. We could levy a tax for this particular problem but there are several steps to be taken. No decision has been made regarding the source of funding.

7. Updates

a. Crime commission Plan-

The Crime Commission Plan invited Dr. Sandra Martell and Angie Goral, from Mental Health Advisory Committee, to speak on the behalf of MHAC. The Crime Commission Strategic Plan has significant overlaps with the Mental Health Advisory Committee plan.

b. Legislative

The Federal legislative on health care reform is coming back up.

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. We received written permission from the states attorney and the chairperson that a person may sponsor a hole or another event, in the name of MHAC. With the understanding that the MHAC does not receive any funding for their work and any donations would be voluntary from Council members.

8. Additions: N/A

9. Next Meeting: May 22, 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 10:50 am with a motion by Richard Kunnert and seconded by Matt Toohey, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee 5-22-17
Date



Richard Kunnert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee