

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Monday, May 22, 2017
Winnebago County Health Department,
555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

Present: Angie Goral (Chair), Dr. Sandra Martell (ex officio), and Matthew Toohey

Absent: Philip Eaton, Dr. Charles Smith, Carol Klint and Richard Kunnert

Guests: Harlan Johnson, Debbie Montana – Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee, Mary Ann Abate, & Marsha Conroy, -Aunt Martha

Support Staff Present: Sara Ruud (recorder)

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

1. **Introduction of Guests/Public Participation:** Angie Goral welcomed everyone and asked for a roll call.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** There was no approval of the agenda because there was no quorum.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
The April 24, 2017 minutes could not be approved because the Mental Health Advisory Committee didn't have a quorum.
4. **Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports/Action Plans**
 - a. **Data**
No progress has been made. Richard Kunnert is going to reach out to Dr. Billman asking her to release the sensitive institutions data that needs to be redacted. The Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee could have the information redacted before using it. The information is needed to show there is a need and a capacity in the community and to show what type of services are available or are not available. Next Step is to discuss with the state attorney to see what can be done. The other thing with the data is it is now two years old and should be updated.
 - 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.
 - 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 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. The county of Winnebago is not home rule. 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. No official decision has been made regarding the source of funding. The Mental Health Advisory Steering Committee is leaning toward the sales tax. Steering Committee is going to present their recommendations to the Mental Health Advisory Committee on June 26.

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. The Crime Commission was so impressed they invited Dr. Sandra Martell and Angie Goral to speak at the Crime Commission with the chairman on May 22, 2017. The Crime Commission wants more information.

b. Legislative

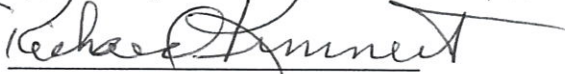
Nothing to update.

8. Additions: N/A

9. Next Meeting: June 26, 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 10:25 am.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee 6-26-17
Date



Richard Kunnert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee