

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Monday, August 28, 2017
Winnebago County Health Department,
555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

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

Absent: Angie Goral (Chair),

Guests: Debbie Montana – Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee, Mike Blaser, Cynthia Hall, and Daniel Sommer

Support Staff Present: Sara Ruud (recorder)

Matthew Toohey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Introduction of Guests/Public Participation:

Matthew Toohey welcomed everyone and asked for a roll call.

2. Approval of Agenda:

Matthew Toohey asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Richard Kunnert moved and Dr. Charles Smith seconded to set the agenda. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Matthew Toohey asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2017 minutes. Richard Kunnert moved and Carol Klint seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

4. Electronic Participation

Matthew Toohey asked for a motion to review and consider electronic attendance at a meeting policy. Richard Kunnert moved and Carol Klint seconded to review and consider electronic attendance as stated in the handout. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

5. Support of NAMI Campaign

Matthew Toohey asked for a motion to support the NAMI campaign to end stigma. Phil Eaton moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to support the NAMI campaign. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

6. Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports/Action Plans

a. Data

Dr. Billman was waiting on the States Attorney to provide a letter stating Winnebago County Health Department is responsible for any and all information that is considered confidential pertaining to the survey. The States Attorney provided the letter and Dr. Billman is going to release the data in SBSS format. The data is going to be released through survey monkey and once the data is filtered it will be posted on the Winnebago County Health Department's website.

b. Messaging/Marketing

The messaging/marketing has not met up yet. They will be starting up soon because it would be good to join the fight the stigma campaign NAMI is doing. Melissa Westphal and Tricia Sweeney are going to be working creating the message.

c. Finance

"The Steering Committee recommends that the MHAC pursue a local sales tax in the range of ½ (.005) to 1 (.01) cent to support mental/behavioral health in Winnebago County. This option will provide the financial funding required to support the Community Support Systems Framework." Dr. Martell and Angie Goral met with the Mayor and the Chairman on August 28, 2017 to talk about financing options. Both individuals show interest in what the mental health advisory committee is doing but they would possibly like to take on extras to go with our sales tax.

7. Community Support Systems Framework

Work group of Richard Kunnert, Matt Toohey, Dr. Charles Smith, and Dr. Martell met several weeks ago to come up with a draft for a vision statement, a mission statement, and suggested values for the coordinating agency. Nothing has been done to further this action. A 5013c will be needed to hold the funds for a campaign and the agency suggested was the Health Council.

8. 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 recommendation was accepted in July. The next step is to see what the Mayor and Chairman think about the sales tax. The steering committee recommended reaching out to Judy Emerson about working on marketing the Mental Health Advisory message. She could build off the NAMI campaign that launches in October. Dr. Martell has reached out to Judy Emerson to set up a meeting with her to talk to her about details and cost.

9. Updates/Information Sharing

Phil Eaton would like to do a presentation in October about Rose Grant and where their funding comes from.

10. Additions: N/A

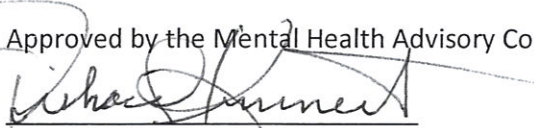
11. Next Meeting: September 25, 2017, 9:00 am – 11:00 am; Winnebago County Health Department, 555 N. Court Street, Room 115; Rockford, IL

12. Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 am with a motion by Richard Kunnert and seconded by Carol Klint, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

9/25/17

Date


Richard Kunnert, Secretary

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