

**Minutes of the  
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee  
Monday, September 25, 2017  
Winnebago County Health Department,  
555 N. Court Street, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

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

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Mary Ann Abate- Rosecrance, William Basuthong-OSF, Mike Blaser, Kristen Clarke-Rockford University, Marsha Conroy, David Gomel- Rosecrance, Cynthia Hall, Victor Mendoza-OSF, and Debbie Montana – Winnebago County Health Department IPLAN Steering Committee

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

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 9:10 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 amend the agenda to add Phil Eaton's presentation on the Rosecrance funding. Matthew Toohey motioned and Carol Klint seconded the motion, with that, all members voted aye, motion carried. Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Matthew Toohey moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to set the agenda. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the August 28, 2017 minutes. Matthew Toohey moved and Carol Klint seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

**4. Presentation:**

Rosecrance focuses on treating individuals with behavior health problems. David Gomel is the president of Rosecrance Inc. and he presented on some of the programs/services Rosecrance offers. Mr. Gomel spoke about how each program was funded. Rosecrance doesn't get millions of dollars from the county, they get roughly \$300,000 and the rest is matched by grants, fee for services, or other funding. One of the largest programs that Rosecrance and the County work together on is the Therapeutic Intervention Program (TIP) that started in 2005. This program allows individuals with behavior health problems to participate in an alternative court system in an attempt to correct the behavior health problem.

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

**a. Data**

No new updates on the data

**b. Messaging/Marketing**

The messaging/marketing has not met up yet. This group plans to meet with Judy Emerson to come up with a message that could build off of NAMI campaign that will be launched in October.

**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 showed interest in what the mental health advisory committee is doing but they would like go for a full 1 percent sales tax. Half would go to mental health, a quarter would to county public safety and a quarter to city public safety. The Mayor also suggested going for home rule and then adding the tax. The mental health advisory committee is thinking about doing a survey where the results would show if there is an interest in going for home rule.

**6. Community Support Systems Framework**

This group has not met since the last meeting when they came up in the mission statement that was presented to the group on August 28.

**7. 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 has not met for the month of September.

**8. Updates/Information Sharing**

The mental health advisory committee feels like they have completed the task given to them. The group would like to dissolve the Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee and start a new group. The new group would work towards securing the fund for mental health services and work on a system to treat people because the old system doesn’t treat everyone. The new group could look at what a new system could/would look like. The new group could possibly work under the Rockford Health Council. Richard Kunnert motioned that it is the desire of Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee to explore what needs to be done to dissolve the committee. Matthew Toohey second the motion, with that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

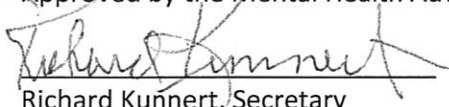
**9. Additions: N/A**

**10. Next Meeting:** October 23, 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 10:32 am with a motion by Richard Kunnert and seconded by Matthew Toohey, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

10/23/2017  
Date



Richard Kunnert, Secretary  
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee