

**Minutes of the  
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m.  
Rosecrance, 1021 N. Mulford, Rockford, IL**

**Present:** Richard Kunnert, Donny Parham, Angie Goral, Dr. Marilyn Griffin

**Absent:** Carol Klint, Richard Kunnert, Matthew Toohey

**Others Present:** Joe Capone, Harlan Johnson, Mike Bacon

The meeting began at approximately 7:35 a.m. with the lack of a quorum, it was decided the meeting will start with discussion items and return to those items needing a vote as we gain a quorum.

### **MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MEETING**

The minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting were not voted on for lack of a quorum.

### **MISSION AND VISION**

There was a brief review of the Mission and Vision discussion from the last meeting The Vision Statement was modified since then and is currently stated as follows:

*“The Mental Health Advisory Committee envisions all with diagnoses or at risk of mental illness having access to a mental health system that is based on identified needs, with fully funded and coordinated care, and are able to live, work and participate in communities of their choosing.”*

It was a consensus of those present that this vision represent a good reflection of what the Mental Health Advisory Committee would like to bring to reality.

### **COMMUNITY PRESENTATION DRAFT SLIDES**

There was continuing discussion on the slides in the current draft. There were recommendations to move several slides closer to the end. Other recommendations were to attempt to shorten bullet points and to convert a couple of diagrammatic slides into bullet points. An additional recommendation was to supplement several slides with pictures, ideally from our own community (such as a prisoner from the backside). Assistance will be sought from personnel in the criminal justice system to obtain helpful photos. One final suggestion was that we probably need to shorten the number of slides and to consider using these slides more as a handout as opposed to an actual slide presentation.

### **SUBSTANCE ABUSE REFERRAL**

The frequent offender list forwarded from the City of Rockford Police Department was with a request for assistance in addressing the needs of this population. The concern is that this list of ten offenders uses disproportionate amount of resources from the criminal justice system police, sheriff, EMS, Emergency Departments and downtown businesses. Both from a quality of life perspective as well as the potential to minimize

expenditures, it was the desire to seek additional professional input as to how best to work with this population. To that end, a workgroup is being formed and the Mental Health Advisory Committee is willing to take this on as a pilot service project...more to come.

## **REPORT FROM OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEES**

Joe Capone from NAMI discussed their annual reception and award ceremony that was held at Klehm Arboretum on March 12. This event was most successful, attracting upwards of 200 plus visitors, with many supportive comments.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

There was a brief discussion on the information material that was included in the electronic packet (i.e. *JAMA* article of Feb. 13, 2013 on "Improving Access to Mental Health Services for Youth in the U.S., also Illinois Mental Health Strategic Plan 2013-2018).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items of business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, J. Maichle Bacon

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
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