

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Wednesday, December 12, 2012 @ 7:30 a.m.
Rosecrance Ware Center, 526 West State Street, Rockford, IL**

Present: Angie Goral, Richard Kunnert, Carol Klint, Phil Eaton, Dr. Marilyn Griffin

Absent: Donny Parham, Matthew Toohey

Others Present: Joan Lodge, Mary Ann Abate, Harlan Johnson, Amber Thompson, and Mike Bacon

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bacon expressed appreciation to Phil Eaton, Mary Ann Abate and Joan Lodge for this meeting opportunity at the Rosecrance Ware Center and for their ongoing accommodation of the MHAC meeting space needs. A moment was taken to go around the room with everybody introducing themselves for the benefit of those who have not previously been at a meeting.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14

There was a motion made by Dick Kunnert and seconded by Carol Klint to accept the minutes of the November 14 meeting as presented with all members voting aye.

DRAFT SLIDES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENTATION

There was a review of the draft presentation that was outlined by Dr. Griffin from the discussion at the last meeting, with both her and Amber Thompson developing the slides to date. Mr. Bacon indicated that he has a request for expenditures figures by jurisdiction and information that could be useful for refining a mission and vision statements. Ms. Thompson indicated that she has begun a literature review that could be helpful in clarifying an appropriate range of behavioral health services that all communities should have. Dr. Griffin indicated that she also has another set of slides used recently in Florida that is focused on behavioral health prevention and interventions and will share those with the group for further consideration. UICOM (i.e. Dr. Falsetti) has recently developed and shared results of the RIC Center reflecting that interventions are working and could be useful as further documentation for the utility of services through this facility.

Other Committee members had comments and suggestions with Mr. Bacon indicating that he would attempt to incorporate suggestions for another version and would try to pull together another small workgroup meeting to refine the developing slide presentation.

REPORT FROM OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMITTEES

There was a brief discussion on NAMI's forwarding of Kendra's Law, from New York State. There was additional discussion about a handout entitled "The One Hundred Billion Dollar Man" (e.g. annual public cost of absentee fathers).

OTHER MATTERS: Joan Lodge and Mary Ann Abate provided an overview of the services available at the Rosecrance Ware Center and the timeframe within which the facilities have been renovated. This overview discussed the number of referrals to state and

local inpatient services and referrals to other community service providers as a result of the Triage Center since opening. The Triage Center has had been designed to serve adults 18 years of age older who are nonviolent and medically stable and not under the influence of alcohol and other drugs, struggling with mental health issues. Both Ms. Lodge and Ms. Abate escorted the Committee to the Triage Center where staff was introduced and there was a walk-through of how the facilities are typically utilized to serve and support clients struggling with mental health issues. There was an extended discussion between staff and Committee members. Mr. Eaton also shared other planning and changes in the offing for the Rosecrance Ware facility with all responding favorably.

NEXT MEETING

There was a reminder of the next meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other items of business, the Committee adjourned at approximately 9:05 a.m. with special thanks and congratulations to the Triage Center staff and to the leadership at Rosecrance for their accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted, J. Maichle Bacon

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee:

January 9, 2013

DATE