

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 7:30 a.m.
Rosecrance, 1021 N. Mulford, Rockford, IL**

Present: Angie Goral, Phil Eaton, Carol Klint, Matthew Toohey, Dr. Charles Smith

Others Present: Dave Peterson, Rick Pollack, Harlan Johnson, Lisa Gonzalez, Karen Fiery, Dr. Penny Billman, Ron Clewer, and Mike Bacon

The meeting began at approximately 7:35 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Bacon welcomed everyone and introduced new participants, Lisa Gonzalez, Family Health Services Center Director at WCHD and Interim Director of Public Health, Karen Fiery with County Human Resources (Group Facilitator/Educator) and Ron Clewer, Director of the Rockford Housing Authority.

REVIEW OF May 14, 2014 MHAC Meeting Minutes:

The minutes for the last meeting were a handout at today's meeting. Everyone was asked to take a minute to review these notes. There was a request for any changes or additions. There was a motion made by Carol Klint, seconded from Matthew Toohey to accept the notes as presented with all members voting aye.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (components and estimated costs):

Mr. Bacon provided a brief update around the work that he and Dr. Billman have carried out in terms of slightly modifying is the language of the contract with Health Systems Research. This clarifying language just to define roles and responsibilities in pulling together the focus groups. Mr. Peterson clarified that he would work with the County Board Chairman to get the contract signed and returned to the College of Medicine.

FACILITATED GROUP DISCUSSION – Review of Data (i.e. Substance Abuse Interventions)

Mr. Bacon raised the issue that was discussed at the May 2014 meeting of MHAC on the Opioid Overdose epidemic and the range of interventions that are potentially available. There was an expressed desire on the part of MHAC to have a facilitated discussion around this issue and the evidence based interventions. Part of the discussion must be an examination of the data that is available. Mr. Bacon provided a brief overview of both drug overdose deaths and emergency department visit data.

Other information touched on a relatively new presentation assembled by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors looking at prescription drug and heroin abuse. The purpose of this presentation was to review recent trends and strategies by various states to address prescription drug and heroin abuse.

There was a wide ranging discussion around data and additional sources of information, local treatment capacity, other upstream preventative interventions, including housing, mentioned by Ron Clewer and opportunities for perhaps scattered site facilities that could aide in the community back to community transition for those previously with dependency. Mr. Eaton mentioned the educational efforts in the schools with particular note about the lack of availability of such approaches to the Rockford School District. There was also discussion about the potential funding and the McHenry County levels of support for such services as opposed to Winnebago County's resources. This lead to discussion about 708, 553 and alternative actions (e.g. alcohol tax, etc.). Mr. Pollack mentioned the success that Milwaukee has had and referenced some of their data as compared to our own community's data. Matt emphasized the connection to mental health in all of this.

Mr. Bacon requested input from those present that would help define the problem proposed to be fixed. Mr. Eaton mentioned that there is some data that they review annually regarding the treatment services provided through Rosecrance that may be helpful in this discussion. There was also additional discussion on when this data might be available. Meeting dates were also discussed with the need for a longer meeting on the day of the facilitated discussion. August 27, 2014 from 7:30 to 10:30 was ultimately decided to be the facilitated discussion meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting of MHAC will be July 9, 2014.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / FUTURE DELIBERATION:

Mr. Bacon mentioned the range of additional informational items available in the packets this month and particularly highlighted. It was a Group Hope brochure that was highlighted and the online training materials and courses available through SAMSHA that were attached to the packet.

OTHER MATTERS: None

NEXT MEETING:

There was a reminder of the next meeting, Wednesday, July 9, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items of business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Maichle Bacon (Winnebago County Health Department)

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee: _____
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