

Minutes of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Committee met on Friday, March 10, 2017, at 7:30 AM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairperson John McIntyre; Mr. Chad Boore, OSF St. Joseph Hospital; Ms. Stephanie Barisch, Center of Youth and Family Service; Ms. Diane Schultz, The Baby Fold; Ms. Laura Furlong, MARC First; Mr. Mark Jontry, Regional Office of Education; Ms. Sonja Reece, McLean County Board of Health; Honorable Elizabeth Robb, retired Chief Circuit Judge; Mr. Tom Barr, Center for Human Services;

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Town of Normal; Ms. Donna Schoenfeld, Illinois State University; Mr. Steve Denault, Country Financial; Mr. Russ Hagen, Chestnut Health Systems;; Ms. Laurette Stiles, State Farm; Ms. Karen Zangerle, PATH; Ms. Joni Painter, City of Bloomington; Colleen Kannady, Advocate Bromenn;

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Amy Brooke, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present:

Ms. Susan Schafer, McLean County Board

Others Present: Ms. Meredith Nelson, OSF St. Joseph Hospital

Chairperson McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM and declared a quorum.

Motion by Reece/Boore to approve minutes from September 9, 2016 and December 9, 2016 meetings.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson shared that the packet had been held in anticipation of release of a request for proposals for a program that the County was made aware of over the last thirty days. There was a short window to reply for this grant. The RFP released at 4:30 pm on Wednesday. An information packet was distributed at your seats this morning.

County staff learned of a pending grant possibility from the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The grant would provide for the incorporation of Homeless Housing Data (HMIS Systems Data) and eventually health and behavioral health in one community data sharing device.

Based on the limited information that was available, County staff and Information Technology staff reached out to PATH. County IT staff have visited the PATH offices and a data survey was completed. We are confident it is logistically possible on the part of both PATH and the County that it is possible to meet the obligations of the grant expectations for the sharing of this type of data.

On March 8th, the Corporation for Supportive Housing released the RFP for the scaling of data integration. This includes components of advancing pay for success systems for advancing supportive housing for vulnerable justice involved populations.

The purpose of the RFP is to put a data tool in place that will allow for the sharing of information initially between housing and criminal justice entities and subsequently between behavioral health and health systems. This is consistent with the County's Mental Health Plan and the desire to incorporate and share data to reduce recidivism in corrections facilities, emergency rooms, and homeless shelters.

This grant request incorporates Pay For Success (PFS). Pay for success is a philosophy that allows entities to fund initial costs of programming and ultimately, based on the success and savings created by that program, for some of those savings to be reimbursed to the initial granting agency. The Corporation for Supportive Housing will provide the community with the tools to put in place a Fuse Pilot Project.

Fuse Pilot Projects have been put into place in 30 communities across the country. Some of those target criminal justice involved individuals, healthcare super-utilizers, and a few have recently included those who are both criminal justice involved individuals as well as healthcare super-utilizers. The goal of this program is to identify those individuals through the sharing of information.

PFS principals would apply. These principals relate to payer of last resort philosophies and maximizing the expenditure to benefit ratio. We believe that those goals match the philosophy outlined in the County's Mental Health Action Plan.

The anticipated benefit to the community is approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 in data assistance. The grant requires that the community provide a letter of commitment to provide a minimum of \$50,000 in in-kind staffing and related benefits dedicated to this initiative. We believe we will be able to meet those needs through internal County staff and associates. If any necessary funding is prescribed outside of this, we believe that this is an appropriate use of funds available through the Public Safety Mental Health Shared Sales Tax Initiative.

We will be asking the Count Board approval at this month's County Board meeting to be able to meet the necessary deadlines.

Motion by Reece/Robb supporting the grant application for the Scaling Data Integration Grant with the Corporation of Supportive Housing,

meeting all of the requirements as specified, and authorizing the use of \$50,000 to initiate the project.

Motion carried.

Ms. Reece asked if the result of this process is a better understand of our need? What do we get back at the end of this data sharing? Are there many other counties vying for this grant? What is the outcome?

Mr. Wasson stated that the initial outcome is the provision of a tool to be utilized within the communities awarded this grant. There are four jurisdictions that will receive grants as part of this process. The only entities eligible for this are Data Driven Justice (DDJ) communities. There are 130 communities that are eligible for this grant. The computer scientist contractor for this grant is the University of Chicago. We are the only community outside of Johnson County Kansas and Salt Lake City that currently has a data sharing agreement with the University of Chicago. In addition, as recently as two years ago we worked with the Corporation for Supportive Housing. The League of Women voters sponsored a presentation by the Corporation for Supportive Housing in the community. In addition, County staff met with the Corporation for Supportive Housing in December and have discussed similar initiatives. We believe we will be competitive in this grant application. The initial outcome would allow for a desktop template for community organizations to obtain data on individuals in a secure environment.

Entities involved in the grant funding are Corporation for Supportive Housing, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, and the Social Innovation Fund. The anticipation is that the community will receive the tool and then they will work with the community to initiate a FUSE pilot project. This provides supportive housing for high-risk individuals. They will front the money under a PFS agreement and then, if experience documentable savings are achieved through a reduction in utilization of their facilities and operations, they will recoup some of the funds back to the foundations.

Parts of the project include bringing community entities together to enlist them in a pilot project to take those super-utilizers, create supportive housing, and develop a recruitment project that identifies those super utilizers on a long-term basis. After that, we hope to expand that model to additional clients in the future.

Ms. Furlong thanked the committee. She stated that this was a big issue when the League of Women Voters looked at housing. They had difficulty getting the necessary data. Everyone had a little piece of data but it was difficult to get a big picture of what was happening in the community. This could be key to addressing the housing issue.

Mr. Wasson stated that the County will reach out to organizations in the community to talk about strategies as the County puts its application together.

Chairman McIntyre stated that this is really the first step. The pilot project will be looking to identify super-utilizers and provide supportive housing as well as case management and follow-up.

Mr. Wasson updated the BHCC on the BJA Justice Mental Health Collaboration Project. This is the grant that we obtained last fall. We have initiated a process to accomplish the goals and objective of the grant. Predominately, the goal is to increase CIT training for first responders. We had two scheduled already. This grant allows for the addition of a third CIT training.

Historically the Mobile Team Training Unit has been able to provide one training per year exclusively for Law Enforcement. They had to tell the City of Bloomington that at 26 registrants they were maxed out as far as the class was concerned. This indicates a significant buy in by the agencies in utilization of these training events.

We are expanding beyond Law Enforcement agencies to include other entities that are involved in crisis intervention situations. We have requested a modification to the grant due to a new training that has become available for dispatchers under the CIT program.

The goal is to insure that there are sufficient trained personnel available that when a dispatcher identifies that a behavioral health situation is occurring that they can direct CIT trained personnel to those situations.

Chairman McIntyre pointed out that Information Sharing form that was in the packet.

Mr. Wasson stated that we have been working with a number of entities on the form. This agreement was initially drafted with Advocate Bromenn due to the amount of contact the McLean County Detention Facility has with them. They also used some of the work that had been done by the Behavioral Health Schools Team as a draft format. The form in the packet has been reviewed by Advocate's legal staff. This reflects an agreement of a voluntary release of information form. As part of the process, we would like for the members of the BHCC to go back and review the form and bring back any concerns they might have about the ability to utilize this form.

County Correctional staff are able to obtain information for those in detention under prescribed federal regulations. A draft of an involuntary form will be forwarded to BHCC members. This will utilize the same information we are utilizing for health information with Advocate. We are awaiting final response on that form.

Chairman McIntyre shared that Angela Engle is no longer able to continue as part of BHCC. She has been replaced by Donna Schoenfeld from Illinois State University.

Chairman McIntyre shared that they are working on a Community Health Forum. A planning committee has been formed and is meeting every other week. The goal is to raise awareness and decrease the stigma of mental health issues. The goal is for this to

be an annual forum. The first one is scheduled for May 18, 2017. A venue is being sought.

Sponsors will be the County, including the Board of Health, McLean County Health Department, Administrator's Office and Criminal Justice Agencies, National Alliance for Mental Illness, OSF, Advocate Bromenn, League of Women Voters, State Farm, Country Companies, the City of Bloomington, and the Town of Normal. We are planning for a keynote speaker and approximately 12 breakout sessions. This is open to the public.

Mr. Wasson noted that a number of individuals on the planning committee have taken over planning the various breakout sessions. The anticipation is that members of BHCC or their organizations may be contacted to assist.

Mr. Jontry presented about the work that the Behavioral Health in Schools Working Group has been doing. The group was formed over a year ago to take many of the plans that had been put forward and see how the plans could best be implemented. The approach has been to have quarterly large group meetings and then sub-groups.

The goal is to formulate effective school partnership and increase positive behavioral health outcomes for children and families in the community. The objectives include enhancement of communication between providers and schools, improve access points, coordinate services, and streamline referrals. One of the interests has been to minimize duplication of efforts.

The initial focus has been with guidance counselors. The goal is to equip them around trauma informed approaches. Earlier this winter, there was a forum involving almost 50 guidance counselors. This focused on the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) approach.

This summer Mr. Jontry's office will be providing additional social emotional learning training with the assistance of the Illinois State Board of Education. Training will include social emotional learning and mental health first aid. The summer will provide an opportunity for delivery of more training to classroom teachers.

There has been a request for additional training around Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This has been in place at many schools but there is an interest in re-invigorating that training.

The group has focused on collaboration and exchange of information. Community resources have been inventoried. An effort has been made to assess strengths and weakness or gaps of those resources.

The group has looked at the most intensive services needed such as hospitalization. They are in the process of inventorying the data collection that would be needed for writing for additional grants. Some of the focus of what are our needs going to be in our community. For example, there has been discussion of the need for an intensive day

treatment program for youth. They would like to pilot a wrap-around program using existing resources.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there will be a time when the Behavioral Health in Schools Working Group will be coming to BHCC with asks for some additional training?

Mr. Jontry confirmed that this is forthcoming.

Mr. Boore asked what the current awareness of this work is throughout the local school systems.

Mr. Jontry stated that there are school representatives. The primary representatives have been special education directors. There is also a pilot project targeting the rural areas at Ridgeview and Olympia.

Chairman McIntyre shared that some of the rural superintendents have participated in the Chairman's round tables.

Chairman McIntyre pointed out the future dates of meetings: June 9, September 8, and December 8, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy L. Brooke".

Amy L. Brooke
Recording Secretary