

## Minutes of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Committee met on Friday, June 9, 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; Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Town of Normal; Honorable Elizabeth Robb, retired Chief Circuit Judge; Ms. Stephanie Barisch, Center of Youth and Family Service; Ms. Laura Furlong, MARC First; Ms. Colleen Kannaday, Advocate BroMenn; Mr. Mark Jontry, Regional Office of Education; Ms. Sonja Reece, McLean County Board of Health; Ms. Laurette Stiles, State Farm; Ms. Karen Zangerle, PATH; Mr. Tom Barr, Center for Human Services; Ms. Donna Schoenfeld, Illinois State University; Ms. Tosha Maaks, NAMI; and Ms. Joan Hartman, Chestnut Health Systems

Members Absent: Mr. Steve Denault, Country Financial; Ms. Joni Painter, City of Bloomington; and Ms. Diane Schultz, The Baby Fold

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:

Chairperson McIntyre called the meeting to order at 7:36 AM and declared a quorum. In the absence of Mr. Russ Hagen, Ms. Joan Hartman represented Chestnut Health Systems.

Motion by Reece/Jontry to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2017 regular meeting.  
Motion carried

Chairperson McIntyre welcomed two new members to the committee: Donna Schoenfeld with Illinois State University and Tosha Maaks with NAMI of Livingston and McLean Counties.

Chairperson McIntyre noted that the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council has been meeting for one year. One of the key accomplishments so far has been the Mental Health Forum. The committee continues working toward a more detailed analysis of behavioral

health needs in the community. It is a complex issue which is complicated by the on-going issues with State funding.

Motion by Reece/Kannady to recommend the creation of a position dedicated to coordination of Behavioral Health Coordination activities.

Motion carried.

Mr. Wasson stated the agenda item this morning is to obtain feedback relative to the outline of duties that would be the goal of a BHCC staff position. There is a challenge from a staffing point to obtain and administer grants. This position would support current grants and do analysis that would put us in a better position to obtain additional grants. Mr. Wasson stated that there have been a number of grants that have not been applied for due to the lack of sufficient data to make those applications.

Mr. Wasson shared that our experience has been that grants allow us to learn what works and what doesn't. It allows staff and partners to learn how to effectively operate the specific program. The County is committed to these grants. Super-utilizers are one of the focuses we continue to look at. The hope is that by focusing on super-utilizers, there will be cost reductions in areas like criminal justice and crisis, that will allow for funds to be utilized for larger populations.

Ms. Zangerle asked if this would be a full-time position.

Chairperson McIntyre stated that we foresee it being full-time. We want to make sure that we are putting money into programs that provide the most benefit.

Ms. Stiles asked if the position has been priced.

Mr. Wasson shared that an assessment for the position within the County's framework has been done. The County does not have a position like this at this time. The estimated cost with benefits is estimated to be \$70,000-\$80,000.

Ms. Reece pointed out that the conversation so far as focused on grant writing rather than on the clinical piece. She asked if the County is primarily looking at a grant writer.

Chairperson McIntyre stated that the administration is important as well as the grant writing piece. There would need to be a balance between the two.

Ms. Reece asked if the vision is to see them doing grant writing for anything other than mental health related grants.

Chairperson McIntyre stated that he would like to see someone who primarily administers and writes grants for behavioral health.

Mr. Wasson shared that the focus of the position would also be to work with partners on data acquisition, working with partners on grant application, and supporting other behavior health endeavors.

Mr. McCarthy asked if the County had considered hiring someone on a project based approach rather than a full-time approach.

Chairperson McIntyre stated that we see this as a full-time position. This is in part due to the complexity of the plan in various areas and the need to work with community partners.

Mr. Wasson shared that we have evaluated contraction requirements. Currently, we are using internal staff to accomplish those needs. Eventually we will run out of resources. Some funding for this position would come from the grants themselves. One challenge we have encountered is an extremely narrow time frame for applying. In two recent instances, we had less than three weeks from the announcement of the grant to application deadline. Staff assessment is that we are at the threshold of not being able to respond as quickly and efficiently as necessary.

Ms. Hartman stated that there could be better collaboration with partner organizations in letting each know about the grants that are being applied for.

Chairperson McIntyre clarified that this will not be a general assistant to County Administration. This will be for Behavioral Health grants and work.

Judge Robb stated that organizations providing grants often look for collaboration.

Mr. Barr asked if the recommendation for this position would now go to the board. Mr. Wasson stated that any such recommendation would.

Motion by member Reece, second by member Kannady to recommend staff position to coordinate BHCC activities.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked for follow-up comments regarding the Behavioral Health forum.

Mr. Jontry said that all of the feedback he heard was positive. He said a different venue might be preferable.

Ms. Furlong suggested a track system. She gave the examples of an educator track or a family member track.

Mr. Jontry stated that from a school perspective the third Thursday in May was a challenge. He suggested late fall or early spring. He also said a Tuesday afternoon and evening might be preferable.

Ms. Hartman offered assistance through Chestnut in being able to get CEUs for social workers, counselors, and nurses.

Mr. Wasson shared that the County with the BHCC received the grant from the Corporation for Supportive Housing Data Integration. Work has begun with PATH to analyze homelessness and housing data. PATH, Chestnut, and Marc First will also be contributing in the process. The grant is pay for success funding.

Ms. Kannady voiced the concern that the committee, while pursuing new projects, not lose site of the need for investment in organizations that already have infrastructure but are struggling due to lack of funding.

Ms. Reece stated that in addition to services that are in jeopardy, the Connect Transit routes are changing. This will cause difficulties for people in the community. It shows the importance of looking at the data and what people need in order to support themselves.

Mr. Wasson reported that we have been successful in obtaining the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Training grant. A five person team will be attending a training in Detroit, Michigan. This training will hopefully result in giving the courts leverage in civil cases to help people get the treatment they need.

Ms. Maaks commented on the CIT training. She said that it is important to get first responders and dispatchers to go through the training.

Mr. Wasson shared that dispatch centers have committed to going through a new training that is geared specifically for dispatchers. The training is in the process of certification.

Mr. Wasson shared that through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council the County has a relationship of working with the Stevenson Center at ISU. They are currently working on analysis of Behavioral Health data. The hope is that there will be the ability to talk about the actual cost of super-utilizers across the County. The easiest thing seems to be to take our data from the criminal justice system and the housing area and push lists of individuals to health providers so they can compare those lists with their information. Those providers could then provide back to us through data that maintains anonymity, the cost that providers are incurring on a periodic basis. We may be trying to use a state identification number. This is created by the state for anyone booked in a criminal justice proceeding in the State of Illinois. Additionally, we have received an award of technical assistance to work with ICJIA and Loyola University on research on recidivism and evaluating programs that might reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system and state institutions.

The next two meetings will be September 8, 2017 and December 8, 2017.

Mr. Jontry shared that the Children's Home and Aid Society will be showing the film Paper Tigers on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy L. Brooke  
Recording Secretary