

## **Minutes of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council**

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Committee met on Friday, September 14, 2018, at 7:30 AM in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chairperson John McIntyre; Ms. Sonja Reece, McLean County Board of Health; Ms. Colleen Kannaday, Advocate BroMenn; Mr. Mark Jontry, Regional Office of Education; Mr. Tom Barr, Center for Human Services; Ms. Tosha Maaks, NAMI; Ms. Diane Schultz, The Baby Fold; Ms. Laura Furlong, MARC First; Ms. Laurie Wollrab, McLean County Board; Ms. Elizabeth Robb; Ms. Joni Painter, City of Bloomington; Ms. Camille Rodriguez, McLean County Health Department; Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Town of Normal;

Members Absent: Ms. Laurette Stiles, State Farm; Ms. Stephanie Barisch, Center for Youth and Family Solutions; Mr. Dave Sharar, CEO, Chestnut Health Systems; Ms. Donna Schoenfeld, Illinois State University; Ms. Lynn Fulton, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center; Ms. Karen Zangerle, PATH

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Trisha Malott, Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Supervisor; Ms. Julie Morlock, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Others Present: Ms. Susan Schafer, McLean County Board; Mr. Matt Mollenhauer, Chestnut; Jeremy Hayes, Bloomington Housing Authority

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the June 22, 2018 meeting for approval

Motion by Reece/McCarthy to approve minutes from June 22, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the recommended budget for FY2019 Frequent User Systems Engagement (FUSE) project/ ACT program. Mr. McIntyre stated this and following three budget items prepared at the recommendation of this committee. Mr. Barr stated that he would be abstaining. Ms. Wollrab asked what was included in the contract services line. Ms. Malott stated that it included an evaluator in the event we do receive the grant funding and the EMR system.

Motion by Reece/Wollrab to recommend approval of the budget for FY2019 Frequent User Systems Engagement (FUSE) project/ ACT program.

Motion Carried. Mr. Tom Barr abstained from vote.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action the recommended budget for FY 2019 Virtual co-responder pilot project.

Motion by Jontry/McCarthy to recommend approval of the budget for FY 2019 Virtual co-responder pilot project.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the recommended budget for FY 2019 Behavioral Health Triage Center. Mr. McIntyre stated they still had to determine the location, and payment for the location. Mr. McIntyre stated he was in support of using the Fairview Building but there were other possibilities. He stated that they planned to go ahead with this project even if the funding is not secured.

Motion by Robb/Wollrab to recommend approval of the budget for the FY 2019 Behavioral Health Triage Center.

Motion Carried. Mr. Tom Barr abstained.

Chairman McIntyre presented for action a request to approve the recommended budget for FY 2019 Behavioral Health Community Forum.

Motion by McCarthy/Jontry to recommend approval of the recommended budget for FY 2019 Behavioral Health Community Forum.

Motion Carried.

Chairman McIntyre turned the floor over to Ms. Trisha Malott for updates on projects. Ms. Malott stated that information had been provided before on the data-matching tool through the University of Chicago and in partnership with the Corporation of Supportive Housing and other organizations. She stated that today she wanted to demonstrate the program and so they could see how the system uses the jail data and homeless management information system. Ms. Malott then provided an example and went over information provided. She said information has been showing a consistent overlap, so they are able to pull that information out and utilize it to narrow down the individuals with mental illness. Ms. Reece asked her how many we are starting with. Ms. Malott indicated they would start with 10. Ms. Reece asked about staffing and number restrictions. Ms. Malott stated that with the ACT grant funding staffing would have to increase at 50. Ms. Malott indicated they would start with 10 and increase by 10 each year. Ms. Kannady asked her to clarify how they would identify and approach the initial 10 individuals. Ms. Malott stated they would look at the data and then would reach out to both hospitals to try to identify our most frequent users of all systems. She said that once we have staff in place we will start doing outreach and collaborating with housing authority to start to incorporate housing.

Chairman McIntyre indicated that next on the agenda was an update on the mainstream housing voucher application process. He invited Jeremy Hayes of the Bloomington Housing Authority to come forward and speak on this matter. Mr. Hayes stated that the housing authority applied for 20 mainstream vouchers. He stated that the Bloomington Housing Authority was one of eight housing authorities in Illinois who received funding.

He indicated they were awarded 11 vouchers and \$68,123 in budget authority for non-elderly individuals with disabilities who are transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting, at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. He stated that this is a very narrow category unlike regular housing pool that has been made available because of the recent OMNIBUS bill. He said this program would provide a source of subsidy so the tenant pays 30% of rest of paid through HUD. Mr. Hayes said it would probably be next spring before units are under lease. Ms. Furlong asked if voucher will remain with person or will we work to get them into other housing options and then release vouchers for future needs for community. Mr. Hayes said they are still working out those details, but a similar voucher system they have is the VA voucher that remains with individual until surrendered. Ms. Wollrab asked about continuation of funding for the vouchers. Mr. Hayes stated funding will be renewed on an annual basis and be an automatic renewal as long as requirements are met.

Ms. Kannady asked how this fit in our plans to continue to move individuals forward. Ms. Malott said is part of the FUSE/ACT program and one of the components of an ACT program is to include supported employment. She said that Chestnut, CHS and Bridgeway are the three primary service providers that will make up the multi-disciplinary team for ACT project. She stated the idea is that the individual needs less supportive services and can move up in the system of care. Ms. Furlong asked if vouchers would be community based. Mr. Hayes indicated vouchers allow them to lease with a private landlord who participates with the program. Mr. McIntyre asked them to confirm that we can use these vouchers with our FUSE project. Mr. Hayes confirmed they could but the vouchers cannot be restricted to those referred through one single agency. Ms. Wollrab asked if these could be reserved for this program. Mr. Hayes stated that they could not be reserved for only individuals coming through a certain program. He stated there are requirements individuals must meet to receive a voucher and individuals who come through a program are more likely to meet those criteria. Ms. Furlong asked if there was a way to use the statewide referral network. Mr. Hayes indicated they would investigate that. Mr. Wasson noted they are working to locate landlords. Mr. Barr asked how they would prioritize who would receive vouchers. Mr. Hayes stated they are still working through those specifics. He said their general voucher program is a time order and waiting list only opens every 4-5 years, but with a targeted program that approach will not work, as they need to take into account meeting the acute crisis needs. Mr. McIntyre thanked him.

Mr. McIntyre moved on to next information item, NOFO with Chestnut and CHS. Ms. Malott indicated they submitted a proposal in response to the notification of funding opportunity. Ms. Malott went over the project, which could include one location with a qualified mental health professional available 24/7 where law enforcement could drop off thereby having the potential to keep individuals out of jail or the Emergency Room. She indicated there would be no nursing staff, no medications could be dispensed but there would be a peer person on staff. She stated that the funding provided in the NOFO would

cover the clinicians 24 hours a day. Mr. Barr thanked Ms. Malott for putting the application together.

Ms. Malott went over the 2018 Behavioral Health Community Forum including anticipated expenses and agenda. She asked members to please promote the event and assist with the Forum including introducing breakout sessions, loading presentations, directing and greeting individuals and keeping track of people who will be receiving professional credits for attendance. She also went over registration and parking information.

Ms. Malott mentioned they have been and will continue to explore a way to utilize Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act for a youth program. Ms. Malott also indicated they were recently made aware of two more funding opportunities, went over both and indicated applications would be filed.

Mr. McIntyre indicated that five needs were identified as part of the mental health action plan and he wanted to set up some working committees to look at a couple of the needs and report to our group. He asked Mr. Barr, Mr. Sharar, Ms. Kannady, Ms. Fulton, Mr. McCarthy and Judge Robb to serve on a sub-committee to look at need for practitioners in the community including psychiatrists and APNs. He then asked Mr. Jontry, Ms. Barrish, Ms. Schultz, Ms. Furlong, Ms. Maaks to serve on a sub-committee to look at filling the need for mental health services for youth. He then asked Ms. Camille Rodriguez to serve on both committees. He said he would like the sub-committees to report back at the March meeting. Ms. Diane Schultz asked about utilizing telepractioners as the Baby Fold had a good experience with that method. Ms. Kannady agreed and indicated they also provide those services and have had success and found that some individuals are willing to open up more with this type of service. Mr. McIntyre agreed and thanked them for the feedback. Ms. Reece stated that this service can be helpful in rural areas.

Mr. McIntyre indicated he was going to ask that Ms. Malott attend the CJCC meetings and one of the judges or law enforcement personnel attend our meeting to try to get cross information and involvement.

Mr. McIntyre reminded the members that the next meeting would be Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. McIntyre asked if there was anything else to come before the Council; hearing nothing, he adjourned the meeting at 8:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Recording Secretary