

## Minutes of the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council

The Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Committee met on Friday, March 12, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

**Members Present:** Chairman John McIntyre (In-Person attendance); Ms. Elizabeth Robb; Ms. Sonja Reece, McLean County Board of Health; Mr. Mark Jontry, Regional Office of Education; Dianne Schultz, The Baby Fold; Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Town of Normal; Ms. Joni Painter, City of Bloomington; Mr. Tom Barr, Center for Human Services; Ms. Karen Zangerle, PATH; Ms. Stephanie Barisch, Center for Youth and Family Solutions; Kristin Adams, Country Financial; Judge Rebecca Foley; Ms. Susan Schafer, McLean County Board; Brian Wipperman, Marcfirst, Ms. Lynn Fulton, OSF St. Joseph Medical Center; Ms. Lisa Thompson, Project Oz; Mr. Eric Thome, State Farm, Mr. Dave Sharar, Chestnut Health Systems; Colleen O'Connor, NAMI President (Livingston, McLean County); David Taylor, Executive Director of United Way of McLean County (all virtual attendance).

**Members Absent:** Ms. Colleen Kannaday, Carle BroMenn; Ms. Donna Schoenfeld; Illinois State University

**Staff Present:** Ms. Trisha Malott, Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Supervisor; Ms. Camille Rodriguez, County Administrator; Christopher Spanos, Assistant State's Attorney; Amanda McCambridge; Recording Secretary

**Others Present:** Donnelle Pressburger, Center for Youth and Family Solutions

Chairman John McIntyre called the called to order at 7:41 AM.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the December 11, 2020 meeting for approval.

Motion by Reece/Painter to approve minutes from December 11, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion carried

Ms. Trisha Malott, Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Supervisor provided an overview of the Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Grant for those who may not be familiar with the grant. In 2019, the Juvenile Division of the Mclean County Court Services applied for the grant in partnership with Center for Youth and Family Solutions. Ms. Pressburger (CAT Team Coordinator) provided an

update on the Bureau of Justice Assistance Justice and Mental Health Collaborative Grant. Ms. Pressburger stated that it has been a lengthy process. Due to COVID there was some delay in developing the Planning and Implementation guide. It was finally approved in January, so they were able to start receiving referrals. They currently have two 10-year-old males that were referred from school resource officers, one 13-year-old male, and two 16-year-old males that were referred from McLean County Court Services. On February 25<sup>th</sup> they had their first wrap around session with the stakeholders. The next meeting with the stakeholder's team is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Cory Tello and Ms. Pressburger have been collaborating with their contact from Illinois Court as far as what kind of information they want to collect. Ms. Tello and Ms. Pressburger will be meeting with Suzanne Montoya and their contact with Illinois Court to make sure that they have the big picture of what data information that they want to concentrate on. Ms. Pressburger asked if there were any questions. Judge Robb had some questions regarding the grant. Ms. Pressburger answered her questions. The grant can serve up to 50 clients and it is a 5-year grant. They are currently in year 2 of the grant. The grant serves ages 10-18 years old. In order to be referred, the youth must have had previous contact with the legal system. The program evaluation is through the National Council of State Courts.

Chairman McIntyre discussed the 2020 Budgetary Expenditures. The total amount collected since the inception of the Intergovernmental agreement is \$17,606,000. Over \$10,000,000 from the City of Bloomington and \$7,000,000 from the Town of Normal which is divided into quarters as part of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The sales tax helps to pay for debt service for the bond on the jail and criminal justice operation and maintenance of the jail addition which includes mental health and health services. The sales tax also helps to pay for the Behavioral Health Coordinating Council budget and the integrated case management of our IJIS System.

Ms. Malott provided a Department Organizational Chart in the packet. There was a question during the last BHCC meeting about the ratio of staff and the Organizational Chart shows the information regarding ratio of staff.

Ms. Malott stated that one of the things that has been discussed during other BHCC meetings as well as identified in the Mental Health Action Plan is BHCC being a conduit of information not only for the entities represented here on BHCC, but within the community. Ms. Malott indicated that we need to look at efficiencies in our reporting and we need to start looking at aggregate data on a regular basis. Ms. Malott went over emergency room data that was provided in the packet. Ms. Malott also went over PATH and CHS Mobile Crisis data. Ms. Malott indicated that we need to look at our data sharing so we can share information, so it is more congruent.

Ms. Malott provided Triage updates. Triage hours are 7:30am-3:00am. There has been an increase in clients. February was the busiest month. Triage continues to have people

brought by law enforcement. Triage continues to have self-referrals as well. The majority of the clients are discharged home and there haven't been many that have had to be referred to the hospital.

Ms. Malott provided FUSE updates. FUSE continues to use the data matching tool that was developed in partnership with The University of Chicago and the Corporation for Supporting Housing to identify the individuals who have intercepted the justice and homeless systems most frequently. All clients have had reduction in utilization of ER and have less anxiety. The FUSE nurse created a document to track trends for each individual client. Trends are moving in the right direction and clients are remaining engaged.

Ms. Malott provided updates in past meetings regarding NYU. Ms. Malott stated that we partnered with NYU Criminal Justice Lab for a pilot for a screening tool that they are working on for mental health and substance use. The first phase was with Marion County. In the first phase the officers tested how long the screening took and the ease of questions on their part as well as how well the individuals understood them. The second phase was when we joined the project which was in August of 2019. Phase two tested for validity. Individuals were screened with the tool as they were being booked in the county jail. A mental health assessment was also completed at the time of booking. Technology for Phase three needs to still be figured out so it has not started yet.

Ms. Malott stated that there are 9 upcoming sessions for the BHCC 2020/2021 Forum. Ms. Malott included information in the packet regarding attendance for the forum so far and how to register for the upcoming sessions. So far, we have sessions through April, but we may be adding some more sessions this year. Registration and attendance are consistent with what we would have seen in person. The advantage of a virtual forum is that the sessions are recorded for the public to view later.

Ms. Malott stated that there is a group of 20 individuals who represent social services, education, law enforcement, the justice system and community members who have trauma as part of their experience who are working on making McLean County a more trauma informed and resilient community. The Trauma Informed group has set goals for what 2021 will look like. Ms. Malott went over a roadmap of a 2021 overview on starting to become a trauma informed community. We know from Dianne Schultz's presentation that this will be a long road. We have identified that the community needs to understand the impact of trauma and resilience. There is a subcommittee set up that is looking at language for buy in. There is also a group looking at how we will educate the community and deciding what toolkits and resources will be used.

Ms. Schafer spoke about the Mental Health Action Plan. Ms. Schafer stated that in the next month or so she will be gathering data to see where we need to go on the continuum of the Mental Health Action Plan. There is \$3,000,000 budgeted this year for

improvement on IJIS. Ms. Schafer stated that COVID has brought some things to light that will have more impact going forward. Ms. Schaefer indicated that we need to look at short term and long-term capacity building. We need to look at how the new initiatives will effect capacity and also how they will help capacity building. Ms. Shafer stated that Governor Pritzker and Biden both have made announcements of the availability of money for mental health. Ms. Schafer stated that there may be some SAMSHA grants and other grant funding and that we need to take advantage of the upcoming grants.

Dave Sharar stated that there is a state level collaborative grant through Health and Family Services. The application is due April 9<sup>th</sup>. This grant is for individuals that fall through the cracks after being discharged from the hospital or the Emergency Room. 61701 was been identified as a distressed area that they are inviting proposals for. Applications for the grant are due on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Malott offered to get a group together to convene to look at what we can do. Anyone interested please contact Ms. Malott by email.

Mr. McIntyre indicated the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2021. He asked if there was any other business, hearing nothing he thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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