



THE HUMAN SERVICE CENTER

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MINUTES of the **HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

Regular Board Meeting Special Board Meeting Committee Meeting

Type of Committee: Behavioral Health

Date and Time of Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

Person Taking Minutes: Melissa Gauthier

**Minutes reflect the recorder's notations of actions taken and are subject to approval of the appropriate committee and/or Board.*

Members Present: Ron Kressin, Nancy Tauer, Jennifer Dornfeld, Holly Tomlanovich

Members Excused: Cindy Gretzinger, Maggie Peterson, Alan VanRaalte

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Hugo Vargas, Donna Shimeck, Tamara Feest, Melissa Gauthier

Others Present: Mick Fiocchi

I. MEETING CONVENED

Chair Kressin called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. It was noted that a quorum was present, and the agenda had been distributed to all members and that the meeting had been announced in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

II. APPROVE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Tauer, seconded by Dornfeld to:

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 13, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

All ayes, motion carried.

III. NAMI FUNDING REQUEST

Mick Fiocchi from NAMI Northern Lakes Center gave a presentation on the services they provide including peer support groups, the changes they endured during COVID, and plans to reopen the drop-in center on August 2, 2021. Mr. Fiocchi reported the importance of continued funding from HSC for the drop-in center, which helps keep people in a mental health crisis from being admitted to the hospital.

Motion by Tauer, second by Tomlanovich to:

APPROVE \$10,000 IN HSC's BUDGET FOR NAMI AND FORWARD TO ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

All ayes, motion carried.

IV. VACANCY AND RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Vargas reported that 2 CCS Service Facilitators put in their resignations recently. Vargas reported that the positions have been posted and interviews are scheduled for July 29th. Vargas reported that there is still one Mental Health Technician position available in the budget and Vargas and Shimeck are currently assessing when to fill that position based upon enrollment in the CSP program.

V. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Shimeck updated the committee on recent community engagement efforts. Shimeck reported that Dottie Moffat, who was very active in many community projects HSC has been involved in, including coalitions, HOPE Consortium, Crisis Grants, and Women's Outreach, passed away earlier this year.

Shimeck reported that HSC continues to participate in the Social Services joint staffing meetings. Oneida County meets on a regular basis, Forest County does not have as many clients in common so meetings are scheduled as needed, and although Vilas County Department of Social Services sees this as a valuable meeting, the last couple of meetings did not occur due to HSC not receiving the names of clients or the invitation to the meeting from Vilas County Department of Social Services. There have also been times that HSC has not gotten the names of clients to staff or the invite for the meeting until the day of the meeting which makes it difficult to have HSC's staff available for the meeting.

Shimeck also reported that HSC continues to have a presence virtually in the branch offices and to date no referrals have been received from Vilas County Social Services or Vilas County jail and Forest County has made 4 referrals since January.

Shimeck reported that the Tri-County Managers Meeting occurred and Oneida County Social Services stated they spoke to Marathon County about wrap around services and Oneida County would like to do that here. Shimeck informed them that HSC has been doing wrap around since 2010 and social workers from the

Departments of Social Services are invited to the wrap around meetings with clients.

Shimeck reported that the Forest County Community Coalition has been difficult for her to attend as it is the same time as the Office of Children's Mental Health Access committee meeting which she is a co-chair. Shimeck reported that she stays in communication with Michelle Gobert and Mary Thornton from The Community Coalition of Forest County in regards to projects they are doing. Shimeck reported these meetings have gone back to in-person only making attending even more difficult.

Shimeck also reported that she continues to be present at the Oneida County AODA Coalition monthly meetings and works with coalitions to collaborate on SUD prevention. Shimeck also reported that WJFW did a weekly segment during Mental Health Awareness month in May highlighting an overview of services, CSP, Emergency Service, and HSC's Outpatient Clinic. Feest reported that the links to the videos are on HSC's website.

Vargas reported that he has been attending the CCoT (County Communities on Transition) coalition meetings. CCoT seeks to establish and coordinate community supports for life transitions for individuals with disabilities. Vargas reported the June meeting focused on summer programs and the upcoming transitions to school in-person.

VI. COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Shimeck reported that CCS continues to receive many referrals for this program. Shimeck reported that with 2 new staff and 2 more giving their resignations, it has been very difficult to bring on new staff. Shimeck reported Kirsten Carlson, Behavioral Health Coordinator, reaches out to those on the waitlist to find out what type of services they are requesting to see how we can meet their needs while they wait. Shimeck also reported that HSC continues to try and increase the number of providers we have for this program and that lack of providers seems to be an issue statewide.

VII. COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE

Shimeck provided a CSP update. Shimeck reported that all 3 of the Mental Health Technicians have completed their trainings and are now going out in the community to work with clients. Shimeck reported having the Mental Health Technicians has been a great addition to CSP and has allowed for greater consistency within the larger team.

VIII. EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE

A. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

The Emergency Services Report was distributed to the committee. Vargas reported a total of 75 crisis assessments in May, which was the highest for the year. Vargas also reported that there was an increase in COVID- related calls. Shimeck reported that while people were in lockdown during COVID, there

weren't many intense mental health crisis calls related to COVID, but now that people are coming out of that, there has been an increase in self-injury, anxiety and depression.

B. JAIL AND CRISIS INTERFACE

Feest reported that she and Shimeck had a meeting with 2 administrators at the Oneida County Sheriff's Department on July 13th in regard to HSC's role in taking people off suicide watch. Feest reported that HSC's attorney had put together a memo that they presented the Sheriff's Department that clarified the responsibilities of HSC. Feest reported that the meeting was collaborative and meetings will be set up with Forest and Vilas counties as well to discuss the memo and help define how HSC can assist with the process.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kressin adjourned the Behavioral Health Committee meeting at 3:57 P.M.

Melissa Gauthier
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED