

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 16th, 2022

PRESENT:

Advisory Committee Members: Lisa Clark, Mark Paulus, Cyndy Raymo, Martha Partipilo, Nancy Thomson (Chairperson), and Antoinette (Tosia) Tucker.

CMH Staff: Denise Choiniere, Debra Johnson (Chief Executive Officer), Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director) Kaeley Hux (CMH Recording Secretary), and Patricia Wenino (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Advisory Committee Members: Barbara Belkiewicz, Larry Doherty, Nancy Levitt, Richard Parker, Erin Rusch, Amy Sanderson

CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES –N. Thomson

Nancy Thomson called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

I. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES - Group

The Advisory Council members accepted the previous month's minutes with no changes noted.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE -D. Johnson

A. The Galley

Chef Jim Kokenyesdi who is the supervisor of the Galley resigned for a position at Fraser Schools. The Galley is an expensive program and has not served as many people as originally intended. The Galley will close on February 23, 2022 for a couple of weeks to inventory what is in the Galley. CMH will be meeting with Chef Mike Moretz to try to incorporate more daily living type classes. This will be done over a 60 day trial period. The Galley will do a production piece lunch for staff, done on a shorter time frame than normal, completed by Mike Moretz and a Mental Health Assistant.

There was a question if there will be classes offered to those interested that are enrolled in services, such as crock pot cooking and Instapot cooking. Deb Johnson said it was definitely something they would could look into.

Martha Partipilo discussed the school programs that are offered for individuals to cook meals before holidays being a possibility.

B. Advocacy Efforts

Deb Johnson advised to watch Facebook and emails for information about bills 597 & 598. She requests that you continue to advocate for these bills. There is nothing in the bills to increase access to care or staff, it only addresses funding. Deb stated to feel free to email your senators or call to help advocate.

Mike McCartan sent a letter and left a voicemail for Senator Lauwers who wrote back and stated that he is supporting the bills. If Senator Shirkey (Senate Majority Leader) introduces the bill then politically Lauwers may feel obligated to support it.

Deb stated there are a lot of Senator Lauwers constituents that are against the privatization of Mental Health so please share all the alerts, forward the emails and share the Facebook posts to make people more aware.

There was a discussion that followed in regards to Patty Wenino taking over as Advisory Council Secretary.

III. Quality Improvement Committee (QIC)

A. QIC Board Policy and QIC Reports (Handouts)

Denise Choiniere provided a brief overview of the QIC Policy, this included member participation, purpose of the committee and frequency of the meetings. In addition, she provided an overview of the FY21 QI Plan Annual Report; this included some examples of specific goals/outcomes for FY21. Also discussed was the FY22 QI Program Plan, this report included the goals set for FY22 by the committee.

B. FY22 QI Plan - New Year (Handout)

Denise Highlighted FY22 Community Activities (page 12). Goals that were set for FY22, these are noted and what work needed to be done to meet the goals, giving a timeframe to achieve the goals that were set.

C. FY21 QI Plan Annual Report – Year End (Handout)

Denise highlighted the wrap up/ status of the goals that were set in the end of the year report. She highlighted Facilities (page 30), item # 3, to renovate existing space at Electric Avenue to accommodate 18 offices and 1 meeting room, to have all inspections passed and staff moved in. At the end of the year the status of the goal was reported, renovations were completed and all inspections were passed. Denise explained this is how this report flows.

IV. CMH Updates

A. Wrong Step at the wrong time: SB 597 & 598 (Handout)

Please see the handout. This is very important to CMH that these bills do not get passed. Deb encouraged everyone to share on Facebook and emails, the more people that respond the better it will be.

B. MDHHS CMS Staff Vaccination Infographic (COVID)

We do not fall under the CMS mandate for vaccinations. Hospitals and nursing homes will likely stay the way they are under these restrictions.

V. CCHBC Update

We still have the CCHBC grant of \$2 million a year, but that will be up in May of this year. We will re-apply for the grant if the opportunity arises. We are also a demonstration project through the state of Michigan pays a per member rate per person enrolled. We have about 500 more people served to enter in the WSA Software for the Demonstration Project.

If we do not get renewed for funding in May we may continue the program until the end of the school year, but would not be able to continue the program for the next year. Applications were dispersed, and we should know sooner than May 2022.

There was further discussion in regards to the 597 and 598 bills.

VI. Policy Review

No policies to review at this time.

VII. Council Round Table

- Region 10 is moving to the old Girl Scout building and will hopefully be clearing out of the upstairs in 6 months and out of the downstairs portion as soon as possible after that.

- There was a discussion about opening up space for CMH employees.
- There is a purchase of a new Marine City building in the works as well as fixing the parking issue within the next 18 months.
- There was a discussion in regards to the method of attendance for the Advisory Council as well as should the frequency of meetings be changed back to monthly.
- The Hawthorn Center was discussed; it was stated that Governor Whitmer will be adding more children's beds. Currently there are 50 beds but that could be raised overall. Hawthorn is a state facility and often times accepts children for inpatient services when other hospital decline.
- Tosia Tucker shared information on Rage Rooms where people go into the room with a baseball bat and smash things as an outlet.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

IX. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 16th, 2022 from 12PM-1PM via Lifesize

Reviewed and Approved By:

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Respectfully Submitted By:

Patty Wenino
Recording Secretary