

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

PRESENT:

Advisory Committee Members: Nora Condland, Nancy Thompson

CMH Staff: Debra Johnson (Chief Executive Officer), Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director), Aubree Mayhew (Community Relations Representative), Gloria Valentin (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Lisa Clark, Ruth Thick, Alesha Fay, Amy Sanderson, Martha Partipilo, Cynthia Raymo, Harold Powell

I. Call to Order/Agenda Changes –N. Thompson

Ms. Nancy Thompson, Advisory Council Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

II. Review/Accept Meeting Minutes - Group

The Advisory Council members accepted the minutes from January 17, 2024 as presented.

III. Executive Director Updates – D. Johnson

- **General Updates**

Ms. Johnson advised the Council that yesterday the Agency was made aware of a threat of property destruction via it Facebook Messenger. The decision was made not to shut down the building due to the type of threat. Travis Reed of the Port Huron Police Department was in communication with the Agency and advised that the individual had been located and apprehended within hours. The Agency is thankful to the PHPD for their speedy response to the matter. Discussion was had amongst Council members regarding the proper protocol addressing such threats.

IV. CMH Updates- K. Gallagher

- **Harrison Elementary**

The Agency has officially contracted .2 rooms at the former Harrison Elementary building, and is currently working on furnishing them. The goal for the space is for it to be used to expand services. The rooms will be available on Resource Scheduler starting early March, and is expected to be used mostly by Children's wrap around meetings however, will be available for all. Music and Minds classes, as well as Art classes are also slated to take place there.

- **Creative Employment Opportunities/CE River District**
Ms. Gallagher reports that linking to a new day program for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities has been approved by the Board. Packets are being processed for Individuals interested in attending Creative Employment Opportunities as the River District Community Enterprises location will be closing due to poor attendance and deteriorating building. Community Enterprises has 2 Port Huron locations that will remain open. These programs are available to adult ID/DD populations. Discussion took place on area programs that are available to this population of individuals which help in training job skill for people interested in seeking employment

V. **Community Relations- S. Herrle**

- **Run for Recovery**
Ms. Herrle provided the Council again with information the annual Run for Recovery which will take place this year on Saturday, May 11th. Registration is open. Anyone who would like to participate, but are not interested in the races, are encouraged to volunteer.
- **Creative Arts Contest- People's Choice Award**
Voting is now open for the High School Creative Arts People's Choice Awards. All submitted artwork is on display on the Agency website. Council members are encouraged to vote for their favorite.
- **Port Huron Prowlers**
The Agency is hosting a Mental Health Awareness night on March 15th at the Port Huron Prowlers game at McMorran Arena. A flyer was provided to the Council with a QR code for ticket purchases.
- **Annual Awards Breakfast**
The Annual Awards Breakfast will be taking place this year on Friday, May 22nd. Council members are welcome to attend as guests of the Agency to watch the awards ceremony and see Brad Montgomery the keynote speaker.

VI. **Policy Review**

- 03-001-0005- Person Centered Planning Process Individual Plan of Service
- 03-003-0040- Evaluation of Services for Individuals Who Are Intoxicated or Impaired
- 05-003-0015 Treatment by Spiritual Means

VII. **Old Business**

- **Simplifying Access to Information-**
There are no updates as of yet regarding this item

VIII. **Council Round Table**

- Ms. Condlund updated the Council that she was able to get approval from Port Huron High School regarding the memorial for the teacher that passed unexpectedly. Ft. Gratiot Home Depot donated many of the materials being used. There was discussion regarding the process of grieving in children, and the importance of being able to express it in a healthy and constructive way.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM by Nancy Thompson

X. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 12PM-1PM via Lifesize or in person

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jami Strickler
Recording Secretary

cc: Debra Johnson, Chief Executive Officer