

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

PRESENT:

Advisory Committee Members: Nancy Thompson, Nora Condland, Alesha Fay, Cynthia Raymo, Tosia Tucker, Martha Partipilo

CMH Staff: Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director), Sarah Herrle (Community Relations Representative), Denise Choiniere (QIDM Representative) Jami Strickler (CMH Recording Secretary), Gloria Valentin (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Lisa Clark, Ruth Thick, Amy Sanderson, Nancy Levitt

I. CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES –N. Thomson

Nancy Thomson, Advisory Council Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

II. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES - Group

The Advisory Council members accepted the minutes from June 21, 2023 as presented.

III. LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Letter of resignation for former Council Member Tosia Tucker was distributed to members in attendance.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – K. Gallagher

- **BIPOC Awareness Month (Minority Mental Health Month)**

The Agency is working to bring awareness to the needs of minorities regarding mental health care. The goal is to engage with persons who may be marginalized to help break the stigma of mental health struggles. Literature is available at the front table in the Electric Avenue location.

- **Children’s Services Update**

Hawthorne Hospital will be closing down temporarily until a new building is constructed in its place. It is not expected to be offering services again until 2026. As the only State run children’s hospital there is much concern regarding the lack of beds available to area children in need of psychiatric care. There is ongoing effort between the Agency and other local and State entities to create alternatives for the community.

V. CMH Updates- K. Gallagher

- **Galley Updates**

The contract with Katelyn from the RESA tech catering program is coming to an end,

and Chef Mike is expected to be returning to the Galley in the coming week. The Agency continues to discuss the future of the Galley after Chef Mike's retirement, including the options of working with Katelyn again, or contracting with Touchstone to offer job training classes and potentially providing meals to Agency employees again.

- **Groups Updates**

In its continued efforts to find new ways to engage with area Individuals, the Agency will begin offering new Crochet and Wire Jewelry Making Groups. These will be in addition to the already popular Mosaic and Pottery Classes. The goal is to continue to offer Individuals mindfulness opportunities through art.

- **CCBHC Review**

The Agency hosted a site review with CCBHC auditors two weeks ago. The visit went well and included case audits for protocol. The Agency score totaled 99 out of 100 and with a small training issue that will be resolved in the future.

VI. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT UPDATE- D. Choiniere

- **FY22 Quality Improvement Annual Report**

Ms. Choiniere discussed report with Council members. The report, which is sent out annually, is a summary of the goals and objective different groups within the Agency. Meetings are held quarterly to discuss progress towards goals, and to highlight and resolve any potential issues. A copy of this report can be provided to any Council member who requests one.

- **FY23 Quality Improvement Annual Report**

The report for this fiscal year will be available in November for review. Denise will be attending a future meeting to discuss its contents.

VII. Community Relations- S. Herrle

- **NAMI Kick Off Meeting**

Ms. Herrle provided a flyer to Council members containing information regarding an upcoming meeting being held to gauge community interest in beginning a NAMI chapter in the area. NAMI is designed to be a support "hub" for families and friends of persons with a mental health diagnosis. The Kick Off meeting is to take place at the Electric Ave building on July 25th at 4:30pm. Dinner to be provided. RSVP is requested, but not required.

- **Rotary Parade**

The Agency participated in the annual Port Huron Rotary Parade. It was a rainy day, but a big success for the community.

- **Family Night**

For the first time, the Agency sponsored a table for the Boat Weekend Family Night. The table with met with excellent community response, with many community member provide positive feedback regarding the Children and Family Services staff.

VIII. Policy Review

- There are no Policies due for review at this time.

IX. Old Business

- Region 10 has officially relocated to their new building. The process of expanding into their old area has begun, but is expected to take a while.
- New Marine City office on King Road is up and running. The old building on Broadway remains an Agency property, though its future use is currently unknown.

X. Council Round Table

- Ms. Fay notified Council members that the Naloxone distribution box will arrive to the Agency later today and will have doses available to anyone in the community. Additionally the Recovery Summit virtual educational series will be running next month. Members are encouraged to attend, and to spread the word.
- Ms. Condland introduced Harold Powell to the Council. Harold sat in on today's meeting to access his interest in potential membership. She also encourages Members to go see the Mosaic Fish now on display at the new Marine City office.
- Ms. Raymo announced the successful launch of GSRP 3year old preschools in Memphis and Port Huron. This free preschool is being piloted in the community with the hope for a program which will expand into all area school districts in the coming years.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM by Nancy Thomson

XII. Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 12PM-1PM via Lifesize or in person

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jami Strickler
Recording Secretary

cc: Debra B. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer

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