

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority

Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021

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

CMH Staff: Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director) and Kaeley Hux (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Advisory Committee Members: Barbara Belkiewicz, Larry Doherty, Cheryl LaFrance, Nancy Levitt, Lisa Murphy, Mark Paulus, Erin Rusch, and Amy Sanderson.

CMH Staff: Debra Johnson (Executive Director) and Karen Zultak (Program Supervisor).

GUESTS: None.

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

Chairperson Nancy Thomson called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. Agenda changes include the addition of topic “IV. F. Meeting Frequency”.

II. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES – Group

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

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE – K. Gallagher

SCCCMHA is maintaining a 65% vaccination rate for employees. As the vaccine becomes accessible for various age groups in the county, the Agency is assisting community members in obtaining their appointment to receive Coronavirus vaccination.

IV. CMH UPDATES – K. Gallagher

A. Veterans – Bob Ross Event

CMH has partnered with the County Veterans Administration to facilitate a Bob Ross painting event for local veterans. Limited space at 20 participants. Funding was made possible by the Veterans Grant Fund. Please contact Wendy Martindale if interested in signing up.

B. Potential Program for the Elderly

Region 10, through its additional funding, has provided the Agency with the opportunity to introduce [a] new program(s) dedicated to our elderly MI/ID/DD community members. As this particular population ages, some of their needs can differ from the non-MI/ID/DD population, such as needs related to personal hygiene care for example. Through studies, it is proven that elderly individuals in this population have a shorter lifespan than those in non-MI/ID/DD elderly population. The objective of these new programs would be to offer support in needed areas thus lengthening lifespan.

There was discussion regarding the OBRA program and its functions in relation to this new endeavor.

C. Looking for AFC Home

All residential corporations have been contacted in regard to interest in staffing a new, specialized AFC home. The new specialized AFC home will help to produce more beds within the community, as there is a shortage. SCCCMHA is interested in adding six more beds to the community.

D. Jail Contract

Corizon partnership is being discontinued due to lack of social work support. CMH clinicians are working with the jail to reinstate our contract for the next 18 months, approximately. Alexis Hadwin, who previously worked at the jail, will be returning to her position.

E. IPS Expansion

Currently this program is offered to the MI population exclusively, however with expanding the IPS program, it will be offered to ID/DD population as well. Leadership Team will review this project the week of 3/15/2021.

F. Meeting Frequency

Due to the slow down created by the pandemic, the Advisory Council has expressed interest in meeting in a decreased frequency. Meetings would be held at a minimum of every other month. Kathleen Gallagher will review the by-laws to determine if this request can be met. During the week of 4/19/2021, an email will be issued if the next meeting is approved to be cancelled.

V. CCBHC UPDATE – K. Gallagher

Yoga Classes and MSU Extension are still available. More information at sccmh.org.

VI. POLICY REVIEW – Group

No policies to review at this time.

VII. COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE – Group

Martha Partipilo asked the council to provide suggestions on how to proceed with ending bullying in the school system.

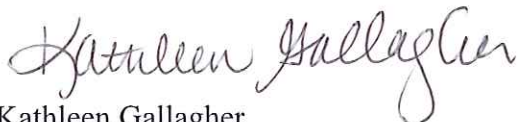
VIII. ADJOURNMENT – K. Gallagher

Motion to adjourn the meeting accepted at 12:23 P.M.

IX. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday April 21th, 2021 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM via Lifesize.

Subject to change.

Reviewed and Approved By:



Kathleen Gallagher
Program Director

Respectfully Submitted,



Kaeley Hux
Recording Secretary

cc: Debra B. Johnson, Executive Director
Kathleen Gallagher, Program Director
Tracy Goyette, Executive Secretary
Advisory Committee Members
Marcy Cameron
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