

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2022

PRESENT:

Advisory Committee Members: Nancy Thompson (Chairperson), Lisa Clark, Martha Partipilo, Mark Paulus, Raymo Cynthia, Tosia Tucker

CMH Staff: Debra Johnson (Chief Executive Officer), Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director), Jami Strickler (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Barbra Belkiewicz, Lawrence Doherty, Amy Sanderson, Nancy Levitt

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

Council Chairperson Nancy Thompson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

II. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES - Group

The Advisory Council members accepted the minutes from June 15, 2022 as presented.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE –D. Johnson

A. Alzheimer’s 5K Run/Walk

Ms. Johnson encouraged Council members to share information regarding the fundraiser, which will donate monies to Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Center in Ann Arbor. Material were provided to member with Run/Walk information as well as a QR code for easy registration.

B. Recovery Summit

September is National Recovery Month. The Agency is promoting access to a webinar series which will include information such as: State and County rates of substance use, examination of current efforts, as well as treatment approaches and prevention strategies. There is no cost to participate and each 60 minute session will qualify for Social Work CEs. Members were encouraged to spread the word to local medical offices as Medical CMEs are also offered. Informational materials were provided to the Council.

C. ADA Celebration

On July 26th, there will be a celebration of the 32nd Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act located at Pine Grove Park from 10am-12pm. CMH will be participating with other providers. Inclusive activities and giveaways will be some of the highlights. Information materials were provided to the Council.

D. Agency Accolades

Modern Health Care has acknowledged CMH as a “great place to work”. One of the

qualifying requirements for this recognition was the submission of randomly selected employee questionnaires, which also provides the Agency with valuable feedback. Additionally, CMH was included in the Times Herald's "Best of the Best" acknowledgment as a local provider.

E. Veteran's Events

Advisory Council Members were provided information flyers on two events for Veterans. The St. Clair County Veterans Appreciation Cruise will take place Thursday, August 11th, and the St. Clair County Department of Veteran Affairs 10th Annual Veteran's Golf Outing will be held Monday September 12th.

IV. CMH Updates- K. Gallagher

A. Jail Update

Ms. Gallagher explained to Council that Sarah Ingles NP is currently covering the prescriber services at St. Clair County Jail. There is another meeting tomorrow regarding the continued plan going forward as the contract with the jail is over in September. CMH hopes to be able to continue to provide this valuable service to the affected individuals in our county.

B. Community Enterprises Update

The organization is providing more services than originally anticipated at this time. Community Enterprises has notified CMH that the increased services that are being provided are approaching pre-Covid numbers.

C. Hawthorn Update

Ms. Gallagher reports that per Heidi Fogarty, Hawthorn is no longer accepting children with intellectual or developmental disabilities into their facility. They are the only State Child Psychiatric facility in the state. This would be detrimental to our area children in need. Dr. Saeed had weighed in on this and feels it could be a Recipient Rights issue. There was discussion amongst the Council as to what could be done at a community level regarding this, and who, at this time, still will qualify for services at this organization. Telly Delor to be consulted about what might be done from a RR standpoint.

V. CCBHC Updates –K. Gallagher

A. Reapplying for the Grant

The Agency is still waiting for the determination regarding its application for the offered 1 million dollar grant. A decision is expected sometime in September. The Agency continues to participate in the State demonstration project.

VI. Policy Review

No policies to review at this time.

VII. Council Round Table

- Nancy Thompson requested an update on the status of recruiting new members to the

Advisory Council. There has still been no new interest generated. Brainstorming followed which included reaching out to CMH therapists and Case holders for individuals they feel may be interested in participation, reaching out to the members of Deb Kokoszka's Woman's Wellness Group, and reaching out to Kevin Fisher from NAMI for references. Discussion on barrier to participation included the timing of the meeting, which takes place at noon during the work week, as well as transportation obstacles. Suggestions of gas cards and bus passes were acknowledged.

- Mark Paulus initiated conversation bringing attention to the growing homeless population concerns both locally and nationally.
- Martha Partipilo requested progress update regarding the improvement of communication for the families of persons in Group Homes regarding the daily or weekly schedules as well as possible programs that would allow some access to medical records such as vaccination status as progress notes. It was suggested to invite Dann Hayes to next month's meeting to discuss options.
- Tosia Tucker shared a positive experience she had over Boat Weekend where her daughter, while working at a lemonade stand, was approached by a young boy who knew of CMH as he had a sibling that receives services. He stayed and volunteered to help at the stand.


VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm by Chairperson Nancy Thompson.

IX. Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 from 12PM-1PM via Lifesize or in person

Reviewed and Approved By:



Kathleen Gallagher
Program Director

Respectfully Submitted By:



Jami Strickler
Recording Secretary

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