

St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority
Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, August 17 2022

PRESENT:

Advisory Committee Members: Nancy Levitt, Lisa Clark, Martha Partipilo, Cynthia Raymo, Tosia Tucker

CMH Staff: Debra Johnson (Chief Executive Officer), Kathleen Gallagher (Program Director), Sarah Herrle (Community Relations Representative), Jami Strickler (CMH Recording Secretary)

ABSENT: Barbra Belkiewicz, Lawrence Doherty, Mark Paulus, Amy Sanderson, Nancy Thomson

I. CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES –D. Johnson

Debra Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

II. REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES - Group

The Advisory Council members accepted the minutes from July 17, 2022 as presented.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE –D. Johnson**A. Farrah Hanley Visit**

Ms. Johnson informed the Council that tomorrow, the Agency will be visited by Farrah Hanley, the new Chief Deputy Director of MDHHS. She will be a guest of Region 10, but will be meeting with some Agency staff in an effort to gain more information on how the PHIPs are run.

B. Senator Stabenow

CMH is honored to have the opportunity to host Senator Stabenow on Monday, August 22nd. The purpose of the visit is to see first-hand how the Agency functions as a CCBHC. The Senator has been a strong advocate for the services the CCBHC provides and is vocally opposed to the privatization of Mental Health Services.

C. Nora Conland Application

Ms. Conland may be submitting an application to join the Advisory Council. She is a local artist, whose art reflects her own mental health journey.

IV. CMH Updates- K. Gallagher**A. New Member Application**

Ruth Thick has been the Assistant Director to the Project Stay office within Port of Hopes since 2017 and is a Certified Peer Support Specialist. She actively participates in community events and would be a valuable source for the Council. Vote was taken by Council Members and the application was approved. Ruth will be invited to next month's meeting as an Advisory Council member.

B. Supporting Contract Agencies

Ms. Gallagher explained that the Agency continues to put efforts into supporting our Contract Agencies who continue to struggle with staffing issues. Supports include free CEUs, Grants, and marketing materials to help with retention, as well as access to a lending library and the Self-Esteem shop.

C. Jail Update

Ms. Gallagher reports as of September 15th 2022, the Agencies contract with the Jail will be expired. At that time Corizen will be taking over Jail Services. The Agency has sent a proposal to the Jail for Support Services, including having MCU come to the jail a couple hours a week, as well as potentially having some of the classes offered at CMH available at the Jail directly. Cynthia Raymo asked for more information regarding the historical relationship CMH has had with the Jail. Ms. Gallagher revisited the timeline of previous Agency involvement including formerly supplementing Corizen when they were without clinical staff. As the Agency currently still struggles with Prescriber coverage it is not feasible to continue offer to provide prescription services at this time.

V. CCBHC Updates –K. Gallagher

A. Reapplying for the Grant

The Agency continues to wait 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. Community Relations Update- S. Herrle

Ms. Herrle updated the Council on the upcoming Agency sponsored event the Recovery Summit. This will be the Agency's 3rd year providing this informative webinar series which is open to the public and offers CEUs. The free 1 hour sessions can be viewed live, or at any time later on the Agency's YouTube channel. The goal of the Recovery Summit is to spread awareness so that people who are in need of treatment for SUD, are able to receive services from highly trained persons, as well as to educate the community.

VII. Policy Review

- 01-001-0035 Inclusion of Persons Served- Suggestion to edit wording in III J.
- 05-001-0005 Recipient Rights- Suggestion to remove the word "honor" in II B.
- 05-001-0025 Enrollee Information Rights- There were no changes noted.
- 05-001-0050 Appeals of Recipient Rights Complain Findings and Dispute Resolution- There were no changes noted.
- 05-003-0030 Communications By Mail, Telephone & Visits- There were no changes noted.
- 06-001-0120 Duty to Warn- There were no changes noted.
- 08-002-0006 Health Care Information Privacy & Security Measures (HIPPA)- There were no changes noted.

VIII. Council Round Table

- Martha Partipilo: Regarding communication improvement efforts with group homes- Dann Hayes has researched the app "Caring Village". The company has been contacted to get further information on pricing and HIPPA protocol. The Agency will take this information to Group Homes to see if it a program they feel they will be able to implement.
- Tosia Tucker initiated conversation regarding the CDCs changes in COVID recommendations. There was discussion regarding what these new recommendations could mean for the community.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm by Kathleen Gallagher

X. Next Meeting

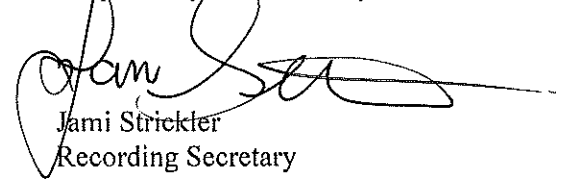
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 12PM-1PM via Lifesize or in person

Reviewed and Approved By:



Kathleen Gallagher
Program Director

Respectfully Submitted By:



Jami Strickler
Recording Secretary

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