



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

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June 5, 2014

3:00 pm

Sac County West Annex

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Dawn Mentzer, CEO

2. Introductions:

Advisory Board Members Present:

Terry Johnson, Patrick Schmitz, Pat Harberl, Shirley Naughton, Karen Whiteing,
Bev Jessen, Pat Laursen, Clay Adams, Rick Hecht, Paul Merten

RHCSR Staff: Dawn Mentzer, CEO; Leisa Mayer, Louise Galbraith

Guests: Jim Tracy, Karen Schurke, Amy Hull, June Herrington, Diana Ossman, Karla
Manternach, Susan Irwin, Kristin Vogel, Sandra Pingel, Cindy Carstens, Jeanette Sargent

3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Advisory Board

Dawn Mentzer asked for volunteers or nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Patrick Schmitz volunteered to Chair

Terry Johnson was nominated for Vice-Chair

A motion to appoint Patrick Schmitz as Chair and Terry Johnson Vice-Chair was made by Bev Jessen, second by Clay Adams. Motion Carried.

4. Appointment of two members to sit on the Governance Board

Two Advisory Board members need to be appointed as non-voting members to the Governance Board.

Pat Laursen (Howard Center) volunteered as a provider and Pam Haberl volunteered as a family member.

A motion by Patrick Schmidt to have Pat Laursen to represent providers for a two-year term (per 28E) and Pam Haberl to represent family/individual for an initial one year's term. Second by Terry Johnson. Carried.

5. Updates

Jan Heikes, Department of Human Services gave a review of the management plan.

a. Management Plan

The Management Plan needs to be back to state October 1, 2014. Example of changes to be made:

- How to approach multi-occurring and measure
- Evidence based practices

b. Annual Service and Budget Plan

This needs to be back to state August 1, 2014. Example of changes to be made:

- Crisis prevention and resolution needs to be addressed
- Budget – revenues need to be included

There are a few items that need to be in place for the Region to be operational on July 1, 2014. We have most in place already, and will have the Transition Plan completed and submitted to the State, then we will be in compliance. The State will work with the Region to get everything into place.

One of the biggest challenges will be meeting evidence based practices. We need to define processes on how to choose providers, case management providers and so forth. Jan said we have done a good job and now just need to clean it up a bit.

Dawn Mentzer explained the Service and Budget and Transition Plans, we have a chance to make changes to the service and budget plan so it is reflective of the transition plan. These will be useful documents.

6. Transition Plan/Strategic Plan

Dawn Mentzer provided copies of the Strategic Plan and reviewed the Goals and Objectives. Goals address: Peer and Family Support (our only missing core services); Jail Diversion; Pre commitment screening, Crisis Intervention; Services in Calhoun County.

Patrick Schmitz gave a brief overview of how the mental health providers have been working together to provide a shared crisis call line. A proposal will be given to the Governance Board at the June 20, 2014 meeting.

7. Supported Employment Forum

A flyer was handed out for the Supported Employment Forum on June 26, 2014 in Storm Lake (at the Courthouse) from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The forum is to help providers with the transition from workshop/work activity programs into supported employment. Terry Johnson gave a review of the Employment First Grant. The grant is to help move people into community employment and not limiting or restricting them to workshops. Genesis and Hope Haven will be presenting on the grant at the forum. It was suggested to invite Magellan as there seems to be issues with funding.

8. Task Force Updates

Dawn Mentzer had sent an email asking for individuals to serve on task force committees. A Sign-up sheet was sent around for interested individuals to volunteer, the task forces are open to all who are interested, not just Advisory Board members.

9. Questions and Answers:

Patrick Schmitz, Plains Area Mental Health Center, gave an update on the Health Homes (or Integrated Health Services) that will begin July 1, 2014. Staff is being hired (about 15 in the next month or so). Once hired they will be making contacts with providers, members (consumers), and referrals are coming in already. The program is for members of Medicaid, both children and adults, focusing on the whole health of the member (medical and mental health). The program is based out of Cherokee (administration and a team) with teams based out of LeMars and Denison. Plains Area will serve all counties in the region excluding Calhoun that is covered under the Berryhill Center.

10. Next Meetings

Discussion of future meetings and locations: Dawn Mentzer asked for opinions on frequency of meetings, quarterly or monthly and location preferences (can travel to any location in Region).

Next meeting will be held in October 23, 2014. 3:00 pm Sac City West Annex