



Rolling Hills

Community Services Region

Buena Vista * Calhoun * Carroll * Cherokee * Crawford * Ida * Sac

Advisory Board

July 9, 2015

3:00 pm

Sac County Support Services, Sac City

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – Chair, Patrick Schmitz

Those In attendance: Angela Chandler, Kelly Hood, Morgan Stoddard, Lisa Bringle, Louise Galbraith, Leisa Mayer, Karen Timm, Patrick Schmitz, Tracey Jepsen, Sandra Pingel, Cindy Wiemold, Pam Haberl, Joyce Hinners, Diana Ossman, Pat Laursen, Terry Johnson

2. ID Waiver Waiting List

Lisa Bringle gave an update concerning ID Waiver waiting list services. Terry Johnson addressed the Governance Board at their June meeting which led to the Board approving the guidelines for funding services for those on the ID Waiver waiting lists.

Individuals must have applied for the Waiver and received confirmation that they are on the list with a level of care. This is just a stop gap measure until managed care becomes effective in January 2016. Providers can refer new clients to the Coordinators for assistance in starting the process.

3. Multi-Agency Supported Employment Grant

Pat Laursen updated the Advisory Board on the progress of the grant from the Region. The providers held a meeting last week and presented the grant information to providers and case managers. Staff has been hired except for the Cherokee positions. The ACE program is underway with Genesis and the other providers will be learning from them as the program progresses. The agencies are meeting monthly and will be tracking outcomes, and success in gaining community integration.

The ACE program is an unpaid internship that also provides classroom time and training. All internships are in the community not at Genesis. This is for high school students or recently graduates, and there are currently 7 individuals participating in the 10 week program. They are looking to serve older adults in the fall.

4. Task Force Updates

a. Crisis Stabilization/Pre-screenings – Patrick Schmitz/Melissa Drey

Patrick Schmitz reports that the house has been purchased in Sac City, and is in the process of working with a contractor to get work done, such as ramps, add a room, painting, electrical and so forth. Working on hiring a director, 4 applications have been received. The application is on the PAMHC website. September is the target for opening.

Pre-screening – Judge Busch in Sac City has met with Patrick to see if a pre-screening can be done to assess if a commitment really needs to be filed. The Judge was supportive in moving forward with the process. They will follow up with him in August. The ASSIST training is July 28th-29th in Sac City. Melissa Drey is the trainer and there is no cost, please see Melissa if interested. This will be the first of many trainings that will be provided.

b. Jail Diversion – Louise Galbraith

Jail diversion officially began in Crawford County on July 1, 2015. As of today, two individuals have been identified for the program. The magistrate, Judges as well the County Attorney are supportive of the program. Louise has met with several local attorneys to explain the program with great success. Outcomes will be tracked and shared at future meetings.

c. Peer/Family Support – Leisa Mayer

Leisa gave an update on the Calhoun County Public Health Family to Family training. This is a 12 week program, and they just graduated the first 7 family members. The graduates are now forming their own support group. The next series of meeting will be held in Sac City beginning on September 3rd for 12 weeks. Flyers are available. Incentives for participants will be offered to encourage participation.

d. Calhoun County Services – Leisa Mayer and Patrick Schmitz

Leisa reports that Counseling Services is coming to Rockwell City one day a week to see individuals. They are assessing the need before adding additional days. They have gained new clients as well as those who were traveling.

Patrick Schmitz is continuing to work with the hospital to place a psychiatric provider, most likely telehealth.

5. Other topics? /Provider Agency Updates

Discussion on managed care: IACP had a meeting yesterday on managed care on how to get ready for it that most of the providers attended. Questions asked of the Regional staff included: what is the Region doing to prepare for Managed Care, and how will Managed Care affect the

Region. Questions concerning the Region and Managed Care will be referred to Dawn Mentzer, Regional CEO.

Answer from Dawn Mentzer, CEO: Regions have been trying to forge partnerships with the MCO's to share resources and information. Two regions are proposing to be the fiscal intermediary for the local providers and regional discussions are held monthly to strategize how this could work and relieve some of the burden off of the providers. Reality is that we as regions understand that the MCO's will be capping rates and that our providers will need regions to supplement for long-term sustainability.

6. Date and time of next meeting: October 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sac County Annex