



Minutes - November 16, 2023

Call to Order: Co-Chair Neece called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order via teleconference at 12:01 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Lou Peer, County Board Chair Rich Bostwick, Monica Reu, Ryan Trautsch, Commander Kim Litsheim, Michelle Rose-Barajas, Teri Olson, Tim Perry, Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner, Laura Neece, Stephanie Knueppel, Stephen Pfingsten, Tricia Murray, Sherry Guenther, and Shari Faber.

Committee Members Absent: Tami Ellis, Billy Bob Grahn, Marquita Newsome, Bette Trimble, Patty Slatter, Lindsay Stevens, Greg Winkler and Samantha Wellnitz.

Staff Members Present: Becky Huber, Human Services; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Justice System Strategist.

Others Present: Marc Perry, Judge Michael Haakenson, Judge Karl Hanson, Steve Howland, Supervisor Dave Homan.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Peer moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Trautsch. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

August 17, 2023: Mr. Trautsch moved approval of the minutes of August 17, 2023, second by Supervisor Peer. ADOPTED.

Behavioral Health Agency Updates: Many of the committee members shared updates. Some items that were shared: Ms. Huber said Build a Safer Evansville was awarded a drug-free community grant. Mr. Trautsch said Trauma Informed training is being recorded and will be disbursed to law enforcement and schools. Ms. Faber said the vending machine at the Beloit Public Library is going well. Deputy Chief Todd Kleisner said he will be retiring at the end of the year. Janesville Police Department (JPD) continues to recruit for the Chief position. Ms. Rose-Barajas said Mercy is looking to add services in Edgerton. Mercy is purchasing a TMS chair, non-medication treatment option, which is the first in our area.

Presentation on Community Action Programs related to Behavioral Health: Mr. Perry provided a presentation on Community Action programs. They have a collaboration with area high schools on personal responsibility education which has been federally funded since 2011. They have a teen outreach program in collaboration with the Wyman Center which is focused on middle schools. They continue their Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts throughout organizations, school districts and

law enforcement in the area.

Presentation on Justice Program Alternatives in Rock County: Ms. Pohlman McQuillen provided a presentation on justice program alternatives in Rock County such as Diversion, Deferred Prosecution (DP), DP TAD, and Treatment Courts. There is capacity available in all treatment court options.

Updates on Groups Associated with BHRSC: Discussed earlier in meeting.

Behavioral Health Providers:

Prevention:

Consumer Voice:

2024 BHRSC Leadership: Co-chairs Neece and Rose-Barajas said they will be stepping down and are looking for volunteers for either chair or co-chair. Reach out to either co-chair or Ms. Pohlman McQuillen for any questions or consideration.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes : Ms. Huber shared a story of a young lady that she mentored in the Youth justice system. That young lady was just recently sworn in as a CASA advocate.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Next meeting date and time: February 15, 2024 at Noon: We will continue with the hybrid option.

Adjournment: Supervisor Peer moved adjournment at 12:58 P.M., second by Ms. Neece. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tracey VanZandt
Secretary

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