



Minutes

Mental Health Advisory Council

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 2:30, Zoom

Attendees:

Members:	☒ Carl Harju	☒ Commissioner Mark Daleiden
☒ Cathy Elfstrand	☐ Mary Sodergren*	☒ Sandra Greninger
☒ Stephanie Barnes	☐ Katie Zehowski	☐ Tammi Dahlman
☐ Tina Sklors	☐ Samantha Bavage	☐ Caroline Malone
☒ Dallas O'Dell		☒ Breanna Heintzelman
		*= excused absence

HHS Staff Attendees: Diane Erkens, Tarynn Anderson, Gretchen Backer, Keith Bennett, Jill Pooler, Jami Goodrum

Other Attendees: Mary Jeanne, Bethany Oberg, Dana Seelen, Dan Schaeppi, Retha Dooley, Hannah Ruth Patterson, Krissy Eich, Stacy Doyle, Eric Moore

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Resignation of Eric Nagel
 - Discussed letter in brief
 - MHAC will need Chair position filled
 - b. Special Election of MHAC Chair
 - Article V, Section 2. "Elections will be held in January of odd numbered year. Special elections may be called by the Council as needed."
 - Mark D. makes motion to elect Carl H. as chair, Second by Dallas O. – motion passes
 - Mark D. makes motion to elect Sandy G. as vice chair, Second by Dallas O. – motion passes
2. Approval of the Agenda (any additions)
 - a. No additions to agenda
 - Motion made by Mark D., Second by Sandy G. - motion passes
3. Approval of MHAC Minutes from 03/08/2022
 - Motion made by Sandy G., Second by Mark D. - motion passes
4. Community Needs Assessment presentation – Keith Bennett, Public Health
 - a. 2021 Community Health Survey Results
 - Reviewed survey results with group
 - Forwarded information to Gretchen B. that was sent out to MHAC group
 - Any additional questions, people can contact Joel Torkelson with Wright County Public Health
5. Sub-committee reports
 - a. MAPP – Public Health Representative – Keith B.
 - Updating strategies currently
 - More update(s) available end of June/early July
 - b. Suicide Prevention Grant Update – Keith B.
 - Very few requests for trainings in the last few months
 - The most recent training done was at Monticello School District and was in February 2022

- Only 1 year left of the suicide prevention grant available at this time
 - (a) Reach out to Keith Bennett or public health for suicide prevention trainings within Wright County and costs will be taken care of
- c. Community Wellbeing Partnerships – Keith B.
 - SHIP Community mental Well-Being Application
 - (a) Asking individuals and organizations to apply for proposed projects throughout the county
 - ◆ Proposals due by May 27th at 4:00 pm (Central time)
 - ◆ Applications can be found online on public Wright County page
 - (i) Questions, contact Keith Bennett with Wright County Public Health
- 6. Unmet Needs and Possible Solutions Discussion
 - a. County is statutorily required to bring forward to a stakeholder group(s) monthly – if there are gaps in needs for children or adults, that is why this topic is brought forward on a recurring basis. This information is required for Mn DHS applications.
 - b. List is presented to the board annually in February at the County Board meeting
 - c. Mark D. would like county providers to come forward regarding gaps in services they are running into
 - d. Sandy G. inquires on services that are possibly available for children who are suicidal / depressed. Concerns on lack of options for these families with limited resources
 - Inquires on inviting state reps to MHAC to hear the ongoing needs for these services
 - Keith Bennett has bill numbers for mental health bills with the state that can be referenced if you feel compelled to write your representative
 - e. Carl is requesting training / resources on schizoaffective disorder
 - Diane mentioned the NAMI webpage for more information on this topic
- 7. Action Items
 - a. Service providers who can present their services in a quick 5-minute intro to group
 - Dan S. with MN Adult and Teen Challenge to present in July
 - Retha D. with Wellness in the Woods to present in July
 - If other service providers wish to present on their services, contact Gretchen B. and topics will be added to agenda for upcoming meeting(s)
- 8. Information Sharing/Other
 - a. May is Mental Health month activities
 - Lobby display in new building on level one with resources, magnets, pens, sanitizer, etc., Facebook post, display at Old National Bank in Buffalo with resources
 - b. Opioid Settlement – Jami
 - \$300 million was awarded to the State of MN, approximately \$3 million to Wright County to use regarding the opioid settlement. Jami will continue to supply more information as this comes to the MHAC group
 - c. Discuss remaining virtual for MHAC meetings
 - Attendance seems higher with virtual meetings
 - More convenient / easier for council members and community attendees to attend via Zoom
 - Based on Poll, 75% of those in attendance would like to see meetings remain virtual
 - (a) Will touch back on this topic at a later date to determine what committee wishes to do

Meeting ends at 3:43 pm. No quorum at end of meeting.