

Minutes

Mental Health Advisory Council

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, GC 1105

Attendees:

Members:

☐ Bradley Gangnon*(A)	☒ Cathy Elfstrand*	☒ Mark Daleiden*
☒ Breanna Heintzelman*	☒ Commissioner Jeanne Holland *	☐ Sandra Greninger*(A)
☒ Carl Harju*	☐ Kaylee Knight* (A)	☐ Shauntel Fett*(A)
☐ Caroline Malone*(A)	☒ Kirk Wulf*	☐ Tammi Dahlman*(A)
	(E) = Excused	(Need minimum of 7 for quorum)
	(A) = Absent	*=MHAC Member (12 Members)

HHS Staff Attendees: Keith Bennett, Diane Erkens, Tarynn Anderson, Gretchen Backer, Jill Pooler, Michelle Miller

Other Attendees: Gary Sprynczynatyk, Michelle Luehring, Sten Wall, Faith Rohde, Bethany Oberg, Krissy Eich, Sara Blanchette

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda (any additions)
 - a. No quorum
3. Approval of MHAC Minutes from November 2023
4. Sub-committee reports
 - a. Homelessness Task Force Committee – Tarynn Anderson, Diane Erkens and Commissioner Jeanne Holland
 - Joel from Public Health unable to be at MHAC.
 - Jill Pooler discussed the PIT (Point in Time) Count coming up end of month, 01.24.2024
 - Kirk Wulf offers to volunteer time into the PIT Count with a group of people he has contact with
5. Unmet Needs and Possible Solutions Discussion
 - a. Ongoing lack of mental health beds
6. Action Items
7. Information sharing
 - a. Gary S. – Blue Plus
 - Internal operating system was updated at Blue Plus in hopes to resolve issues quicker and pay claims faster
 - All Blue Plus members got new member cards for the year of 2024
 - Rewards and incentives for doing healthy things
 - Blue Plus is attempting to help counties with renewal process
 - b. Breanna H. – Bridging Hope Counseling
 - PMAPs were denying some claims for certain services – were unable to bill individual services. Can only bill DBT and family services.
 - c. Kirk W. – Next Level Safety

- SBIR small business innovation research
- d. Keith B. – MDH grant portal information
- e. Michelle M. – Wright County
 - Discussed Coordinated Access in the county – Coordinated Access just started 01.02.2024
 - Different languages being offered on the phone system
 - New Social Worker being hired for the Coordinated Access
- f. Sten W. – Health Partners
 - HP initiative to “Make It Ok” Stigma trainings – email Sten for information
 - HP has a \$25 incentive for completing a wellness program
 - All incentives are online
- g. Sarah B. – CMMHC Crisis Response Team
 - Northway IRT was closed through February and will remain closed as no Program Director has been found
 - Crisis Response is fully staffed and slowly moving up to the 9 bed capacity
 - Crisis services are voluntary, do not do welfare checks, take calls from family members on crisis situations, response time is usually 1-2 hours and do safety planning and help with referrals. Crisis Response Team is totally voluntary.
- h. Commissioner Holland asks about co-responder program / requests an update on program:
 - Full time since 11.13.2023. Social Worker and Deputy meet in the morning and work entire shift together. Diane is collaborating with the Sheriffs office on stats. Positive feedback since services went into effect. Service is currently Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-4:30 pm. Callers call in like normal to 911 to make report for a welfare check

No quorum – meeting ends at 3:26 pm