

MENTAL HEALTH CENTER (MHC) ADVISORY BOARD
Monday, October 24, 2016
Olathe

MINUTES

Members Present: Dawn Bloom, Roger Cooper, **Gordon Docking**, Erin George, Jane Fletcher, Judge Michael Joyce, **Tom Keary**, Janice Love, Marilyn Scafe, Michael Seitz, Commissioner John Toplikar, and Scott Tschudy (**absent**)

Staff Present: Tim DeWeese, Tanner Fortney, Susan Rome, Deb Stidham, Beth Barbour, Angela Guzman, Maury Thompson and Donna Berry

Guest(s): Harry Bognich, Jerry Palmer

Call to Order/Adoption of Agenda - The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tschudy at 5:33 pm. He asked if there were any additional items or changes to the agenda. There were none.

Mr. Seitz moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Bloom seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. DeWeese introduced Susan Rome as the new Mental Health Center Deputy Director.

Public Comments – Introductions were made, but there were no public comments.

Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Toplikar stated with the upcoming elections, he recalls a public comment once made that said, “I have been on this committee for 4 years and have not attended a single meeting”.

Review/approval of minutes – The minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting were presented to the board for approval. Mr. Seitz noted confusion in the paragraph regarding the August Financial Reports. Mr. Fortney will review and amend.

Approval of the September minutes is tabled until next month.

Financial Reports –

- *September Financial Reports* - Mr. Fortney reviewed the reports as included in the packet. He reported discussions taking place with Mr. DeWeese and Mr. Thompson regarding payment of Netsmart contract maintenance costs in the fall, rather than waiting until the spring as previously practiced, in order to get the 3% discount. Even with this expense, numbers are trending the right direction. Fee-For-Service revenue compared to August is lower due, partially, to the loss of Health Home and Medicaid back revenue payouts. Mr. Fortney reported that despite reductions this year, our anticipated shortage is \$700,000+ rather than the \$2.3 mil projected in the spring.
- *Dashboard Performance Indicators* – Mr. Fortney reviewed information reflected on the dashboard of performance indicators for the third quarter. He stated after there is a full year's worth of data, the indicators will be re-evaluated. He did point out that although the med clients DNKA rate is still above 10%, it was at one point as high as 20% and is now in the yellow range.

Business/Discussion Items –

- *REACH Foundation Grants* – Mr. DeWeese shared information on REACH Foundation grants received and reviewed information included in the packet.

- *November Meeting and Legislative Dinner* – Mr. DeWeese shared plans to continue work with TeamTech on strategic planning and moving to the next step in the process. Originally, he had planned to have TeamTech present at the November meeting, but the BOCC has asked if the Advisory Board would consider having a brief meeting at the Shawnee office in November and join them for the Legislative Dinner they are hosting. If so, TeamTech will be asked to present at the January, 2017 meeting. Group consensus was to meet at 5 pm for a short meeting and then join the BOCC and legislators at 5:30. Mr. DeWeese will send out the specific information.
- *State and Federal Updates* – Mr. DeWeese referenced an article by Secretary Keck and the misconceptions that were conveyed that cuts and changes in funding have not affected our consumers. Concerns were raised about not having a new participating CMHC contract in place for the current fiscal year. Discussion took place. Federally, he is hopeful funds from the Comp Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) may make it to the state of Kansas. Recent conversations with CMS and SAMHSA may have funds available to local governments/agencies. Mr. Seitz indicated the need to get the community, not just the recipients, to voice their concerns about funding.

Director's Report – Mr. DeWeese distributed and reviewed his director's report.

- Mr. DeWeese noted that KDADs is on its sixth director of mental health in the last two years. They are significantly understaffed as compared to two years ago and it is a systemic issue. Medicaid applications are running 7-9 months behind and may or not be retroactively approved, IF approved.
- He made a couple of announcements regarding board members: Marilyn Scafe has been appointed for another term through 2019 and Jane Fletcher was nominated for an award through Pathway to Hope for their Founder's Award.
- Mr. DeWeese also wanted to recognize Ms. Barbour and her staff's hard work in the research on the clearinghouse software.
- He announced recent staff additions and asked once more if anyone interested in StrengthsFinder reach out to Ashley Tedder for further information.
- Mr. DeWeese shared that at the all staff retreat being held in December, one of Mr. Fortney's staff will be throwing a pie at him due to the very large increase in feed-the-need contributions this year over last (+ approx. 7,000 lbs.)

With no further business to discuss Ms. Love moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Fletcher seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

The next MHC Advisory Board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 28th, 2016, at the Shawnee office (6440 Nieman Rd) and join the BOCC Legislative Dinner at 5:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Donna Berry