



Mental Health Committee Minutes:

Monday, January 9, 2017 – 2:00pm
Milwaukee County Safety Building, Rm 607

Attendees: Kent Lovern, Tom Reed, Mandy Potapenko, Brian Michel, Paul Brodwin, Rose Stietz, Sue Eckhart, Adam Oldenburg, Bobbi Packard, Dennis Purtell, Terri Ellzey, Justin Kuehl, Robin Dorman, Colleen Dublinski, Branden Dupont, Mike Lappen, Dr. Schneider

- i.) **Introductions**
- ii.) **MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Updates** – Tom and Mandy provided updates on the current progress occurring with the SJC strategy groups. The County Board has approved grant fund expenditure the SJC Project Coordination/Manager position, which will be housed under the MCJC. Mandy will distribute the job announcement, once available. Tom noted that this is the year for Milwaukee County to accomplish the goals we have set in getting these initiatives off the ground. The efforts are great, but so will the payoffs.
- iii.) **Medicaid Suspension vs. Termination (Barbara Beckert)** – Barbara Beckert, via telephone, provided an updated on their efforts in working at the State level to change Medicaid termination to suspension for those who are incarcerated. At this time, there have been challenges in providing enough of a cost-benefit to the state to encourage the policy change.
- iv.) **Heavy Utilizer Initiative and Data Analysis Update (Branden DuPont)** – Branden DuPont reported that he is currently awaiting a refreshed list of heavy jail consumers and will give an update at the future meeting. Given the previous heavy utilizer data collected, combined with treatment to competency data provided by Adam Oldenburg, Branden gave a presentation on the current trends and characteristics of individuals who are involved in the restoration to competency system.
- v.) **Treatment to Competency Updates (Adam Oldenburg)** – Adam reports that the currently TTC waitlist is at 49, with 10 individuals from Milwaukee. 22 inpatients and 3 outpatients are awaiting disposition, which will open additional spaces in the near future. Adam also noted that there are currently 2 patients whose competency is being challenged, which does not have a statutory time frame, and individuals await this determination at the institution.
- vi.) **BHD Community Listening Sessions and other mental health related happenings in the community** – Mike Lappen reported that BHD has hosted 4 community listening sessions thus far to assist in the development of the north and south side hubs/or assessment centers. Consistent themes have been around access to housing, benefits, and psychiatry. BHD plans to host a session with the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force, which will allow for additional advocacy input. Mike also noted that while the assessment centers are being planned and developed, in the interim, the Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) and crisis-services are partnering to have locations at satellite locations in neighborhoods to meet the desire and needs of the community.
- vii.) **Other Business/Updates**



- o Adam Oldenburg noted that the Department of Health Services has been changed to the Division of Care and Treatment Services. Within or under this Division lie two bureaus – the Bureau of Forensic Services and the Bureau of Prevention and Treatment Recovery. Beth Dodsworth replaced the recently retired Glenn Larson, as the Director of the (newly named) Bureau of Forensic Services.

viii.) **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 6th, 2017, 2pm, SB 607

(meetings are held on the 1st Monday of every month, with the exception of those that conflict with holidays)