



Mental Health Committee

Monday, May 2, 2022 – 2:00pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

1) Opening and Introductions (if needed)

Committee co-chair, Tom Reed, called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

2) Status Updates from Behavioral Health Partners and Providers

BHD + Psych Emergency Updates - Mike Lappen, BHS Administrator, noted that Granite Hills admitted its first patient on January 16, 2022. Due to staffing shortages, the hospital had to halt admissions for a two-week period in March, to ensure compliance with the joint commission requirements. The hospital is back up and running and is at its current capacity of ten patients. Granite Hills is expecting its joint commission survey to be completed this week, and once certified, they will be able to ramp up capacity. Mike noted that CEO, Jen Bergerson, is committed to having two adult units and one youth unit operational by September 2022. Mike anticipates reorganizing units and inpatient bed space at BHD in July.

The Psychiatric Emergency Center continues to move forward and has obtained its occupancy permits. The target open date is September 6, 2022, after an original delay to recruit staff. Four full-time psychiatrists have been recruited. Recruitment is ongoing for both locations. Both UHS and Advocate Aurora agreed to honor BHD staff seniority if BHD staff are transferring to one of the two facilities. The BHD plans to be fully closed by the end of September.

Mike Lappen responded to an inquiry regarding their FQHC partnerships. Mike indicated their partnership with the 16th Street Community Health Center is the largest of the FQHCs. Both Team Connect and Outreach services allow for mobile response.

Jim Feagles and Mike Lappen announced the hiring of Dr. Ken Cole, as the new Director of Outpatient Programs at BHD. He will begin on May 6, 2022.

A youth, wraparound wellness clinic is set to open in June 2022 at the Shafi Plaza building at 1990 W North Avenue. It will serve children and youth enrolled in Medicaid in need of medication management, therapy, offer substance abuse specialists, crisis care coordination, and it will expand prescribers available to the CCS network. Mike indicated this clinic was a direct result from community listening sessions on how challenging it has been for families to access youth care in a timely fashion.

MPD SOP 160 Changes – Barbara Beckert, Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force, raised concerns related to SOP 160, an SOP that gives directives related to interactions with persons with mental illness. There have been discussions between the Mental Health Task Force, Fire and Police Commission, and MPD regarding the concerns. The Mental Health Task Force would like to see additional language added to the SOP creates additional documentation requirements for tracking. Sergeant Kevin Bolyard provided explanation to the purpose and scope of SOPs for MPD. He also indicated the department is set to roll out a new CAD system in October 2022.

3) Treatment to Competency/Forensic Updates

Adam Oldenburg provided an update on behalf of the Department of Health Services. In the month of April 2022, the institutions admitted 66 individuals, 18 were from Milwaukee (13 for treatment to competency). There was a slight increase in inpatient competency examinations, which is important to note, as it has an impact on the admissions list. 4 people from Milwaukee are being assessed for the outpatient competency restoration program (OCRCP), which is utilized whenever determined appropriate and in the best interest of the individual. 3 people in Bench Warrant status, and 4 that have an admission status of to be determined. There is currently 23 people from Milwaukee awaiting admission. 21 of the

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23 individuals are awaiting admission for treatment to competency, and 20 of the 21 awaiting TTC are participating in some level of service through the jail-based competency restoration (JBCR) program.

Adam indicated statewide, there continues to be delays on cases opined as not competent and not likely to regain. There are three cases in Milwaukee that had an average of 60 additional days under the commitment, awaiting resolution/conversion. Beth Dodsworth, DHS, added that the institutions have been seeing an uptick in COVID-19 within the facilities, like in the community. DHS is working to mitigate the spread.

4) Mental Health Treatment Court Updates

Mandy Potapenko, CJC Director, provided an update on the allocation of ARPA funds for the Mental Health Treatment Court. The funds will cover the hiring of a full-time coordinator housed within the pretrial service office, as well as a partnership to fund a psychiatry fellowship dedicated to the Treatment Court team. This Fellow will not provide direct service, they will serve as an advisor to work through both policy and treatment-related concerns for admitted individuals. The MOU is being finalized to transfer the funds to Milwaukee County. Job descriptions and positions are in the process of being created to ensure timeliness.

5) Any MacArthur Related Updates

Erin Perkins, SJC Project Manager with the CJC, stated she is currently working with Dr. Justin Kuehl on data collection related to mental health diversion and the behavioral health population in general. The Safety and Justice Challenge funded BHD interns are close to wrapping up their work, and two new intern positions are opening. A third internship position has been created with the new ACT team. All internships are paid. There will be at least one more phase of SJC funding; however, the award range will be significantly smaller. The Foundation indicated they will be focused on funding evaluation, peer networks, and lifting the lessons learned with other jurisdictions. The application timeline remains unclear.

6) Any Other Requested Business

The national rollout of 988 is set for July of 2022. Mike Lappen indicated the State of Wisconsin has awarded the management of the program to Brown County Family Services in Green Bay. Once active, if someone in Milwaukee were to call 988 and needs an immediate response, the staff would deploy BHD's crisis teams.

The CJC seeks to refresh its strategic plan and goals in the years ahead. Members of the committee are asked to put their thinking hats on as to specific initiatives, like the Mental Health Court, or policy priorities that should be advanced. A survey will be forthcoming.

7) Adjourn

Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm. The next CJC Mental Health Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022, at 2:00pm, via Zoom.

05/02/2022 - CJC Mental Health Committee Meeting Attendees: Mandy Potapenko, Tom Reed, Kevin Bolyard, Susan Collyard, Karen Vespalec, Claire Starling, Jim Feagles, Katie Holtz, Mike Lappen, Lane Miller, Bailey Brewer, Christine Apple, Dana Blake, Carolyn Parkinson, Karen Tidwall, Barbara Beckert, Lisa Procaccio, Regina Huerter, Justin Kuehl, Joseph Ellwanger, Rose Stietz, Beth Dodsworth, Stephanie Garbo, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman