



Mental Health Committee

Monday, February 6, 2023, at 2:00pm, via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

1) Opening and Introductions

Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

2) Group Check-In

Tom Reed asked partner organizations to provide attendees with updates on what has happened within their organization since the committee last met. He welcomed attendees to highlight any new or notable accomplishments and planning efforts for the year ahead.

Mike Lappen announced that the BHS hospital on Watertown Plank Road has officially been vacated. Staff are dispersed at the other BHS locations. Mike noted the Mental Health Emergency Center hired a full time Chief Medical Officer and the MHEC has been increasingly finding their flow as far as operations are concerned. Mike noted that Granite Hills struggles to maintain adequate staffing and is operating at 24 adult beds and 17 youth beds; this is significantly lower than originally anticipated, which has caused strains on the system of care overall.

Adam Oldenburg and Beth Dodsworth provided treatment to competency updates and trends. 78 people were admitted from Milwaukee in the month of January, which is much higher than usual; admissions are typically in the mid-forties. The Competency Restoration Program and JBCR are still utilized within the Milwaukee jail. 28 individuals from Milwaukee are awaiting admission to the institutions. Beth noted that 1,196 outpatient competencies have already been performed this year. 285 of those were for individuals from Milwaukee. 100 out of 279 JBCR individuals served in the last six months have been from Milwaukee.

Dr. Christine Apple from DOC noted that all psychologists in the state were given a list of the DHS are administrators to attend their meetings and become familiar with them and work towards potential partnership.

3) Mental Health Court Continuum Update

Courtney Brooks, Mental Health Treatment Court Coordinator, provided updates on the Mental Health Treatment Court and continuum. There are currently 5 admitted participants, with 6 in the pipeline, and 2 more being considered for admission before the end of the month. There was a recent meeting discussing starting Mental Health DPAs under the umbrella of the treatment court. Courtney will provide additional updates at next month's meeting.

4) Any Other Requested Business and Items for Next Month – None requested at this time.

5) Adjourn – Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:09pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

February 6, 2023 – Mental Health Committee Meeting Attendees: Tom Reed, Mike Lappen, Rose Stietz, Sue Eckhart, Stephanie Garbo, Claire Starling, Lane Miller, Pam Matthews, Adam Oldenburg, Lisa Procaccio, Barbara Beckert, Susan Collyard, Courtney Brooks, Beth Dodsworth, Katie Holtz, Sharell Edwards, Christine Apple

Staff: Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman

Total Attendees: 20