



Mental Health Committee

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

Meeting Minutes

1) Opening and Introductions

Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

2) Round Robin of Updates from Partners

Mike Lappen, Milwaukee County BHS, noted the biggest challenge to the Behavioral Health Services has been systems redesign has been the anticipated 54 beds at Granite Hills only operating at 24 adult and 12 youth beds. Overflow cases are sent to private and state hospitals, which also have limited capacity. Mike indicated BHS continues to work with Granite Hills, the private hospitals, and the state to problem-solve and plan for improved capacity and care.

A Crisis Mobile marketing campaign is rolling out to fill key positions. Mike reported the Mental Health Emergency Center has been managing well and is on pace to serve 8,000 patients its first year.

Claire Starling spoke for the DA's Office, noting things have remained steady over the past few months/meetings. Claire expressed concerns related to the increase in referrals being received from West Allis PD at Granite Hills. Claire has met with WAPD, and Mike Lappen has also had conversations with the Chief of WAPD. There were discussions regarding staff and patient safety measures at Granite Hills.

Erin Perkins, SJC Project Manager with the CJC, announced the CJC/Milwaukee County is set to receive \$570,000 over the next three years from the MacArthur Foundation to maintain and transition SJC initiatives to alternative funding sources. Most staff positions – through BHS, the DA's Office, and elsewhere - have been absorbed into other budgets. This is the last financial award anticipated from the MacArthur Foundation.

3) Mental Health Court Continuum Update

Courtney Brooks, Mental Health Treatment Court Coordinator, updated the group on the Mental Health Treatment Court. She noted the participant census is at 7, up from 5 last month. She anticipates two additional admissions before the month, plus 2 pending admission at the end of April for a total of 11 participants in the treatment court. The court will then be at capacity and unable to take new admissions until current participants move into less resource intensive phase(s). A waitlist will be created. Eventually, the court would like to accommodate up to 25 individuals, but there are limitations in how many therapeutic court cases the current judge can take, as she also presides over DPAs, Drug, and Veterans Treatment Courts, as well. Courtney stated the Mental Health Court policies and procedure working group meets later this month and they plan to review and approve the pending policy/procedural manual.

4) Group Question - What needs focus or attention? Are there priorities needing advancement in the next year?

Tom Reed opened the floor for attendees to provide input on current challenges and areas for collaborative improvement. The group all agreed that staffing challenges and hiring has been the number one challenge to feeling successful in their work. Barbara Beckert noted that housing issues remain high for consumers, especially as COVID-related eviction protections come to an end. Reentry support for those with severe and



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persistent mental health needs was also discussed. Courtney Brooks asked those present for support in identifying funding for vivitrol upon reentry. Lastly, another participant mentioned their concerns over what seems to be an increase in individuals dying by suicide at the jail.

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

6) Adjourn

Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:06pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2023, at 2:00 pm. Participants were asked to inform Mandy if they can't attend due to vacations, give it is both Brewers opening day and a time where many schools are out for spring break.

March 6, 2023 – Mental Health Committee Meeting Attendees: Tom Reed, Courtney Brooks, Mike Lappen, Tessa Nicpon, Dana Blake, Katie Holtz, Lane Miller, Lisa Procaccio, Stephanie Garbo, Amanda, Sue Eckhart, Claire Starling, Jim Feagles, Barbara Beckert, Sarah Wang, Cassandra Robinson, Melanie Leonard, Susan Collyard, Rose Stietz, Northwest Side Community Development
Staff: Mandy Potapenko, Erin Perkins, Alyssa Doman
Total Attendees: 22

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