



Mental Health Committee

Monday, June 5, 2023, at 2pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

1) Opening and Introductions

Tom Reed called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Introductions weren't necessary.

2) Report Out on MacArthur Foundation All-Sites Meeting and Impact Network Pre-Convening

Erin Perkins and Mandy Potapenko provided an overview of the SJC All-Sites Meeting held in May 2023. The pre-convening dedicated a large portion of its meeting to discussing brain injury and its intersection with justice involved individuals. Often brain injury can impact individuals' ability to make decisions and regulate their thoughts and behaviors. Dr. Sarah Desmaris encouraged jurisdictions to examine what screening tools and strategies can be implemented to help identify brain injuries in those who intersect with the justice system.

Mandy Potapenko mentioned this may be a potential of area for partnership with MCW or another organization for screening and a study of the prevalence of brain injury in the justice population. The second portion of the Impact Network meeting focused on the newly available Medicaid waivers available to States. Three counties talked about ways their states have applied for and used the expanded waiver options for their justice-involved populations.

3) Forensic Population Updates and Treatment to Competency Waitlist

Adam Oldenburg provided the updated statistics on the forensic and treatment to competency populations in Milwaukee County and statewide. The waitlist has significantly increased the past few months and both screening and treatment volumes remain high. There are currently 43 individuals from Milwaukee who are on the hospital admissions waitlist. The Jail-Based Competency Restoration program continues to work with individuals while on the waitlist.

4) Any Updates from Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services

Mike Lappen provided an update on Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services and the Granite Hills hospital. The hospital continues to operate as a 24 adult and 12 youth bed facility, which is less than originally anticipated, but they continue to work to increase both staffing and certifications. BHS has identified an increased need and service gap for youth under 12 and they continue to work toward increasing capacity. Three community-based access clinics have opened over the last two years to increase accessibility for non-crisis services. CART teams and other services continue to operate; however, they are often understaffed. Competition with private organizations continues to be the largest recruitment roadblock.

5) Mental Health Court Continuum Update

Claire Starling spoke on behalf of the Mental Health Treatment Court due to Courtney Brooks being unable to attend due to vacation. Claire informed the group that the treatment court staffings will be switching to Tuesday afternoons from Friday afternoons. The goal will be to hold the court weekly if funding, additional calendar space, and resources can be provided.

6) Any Other Requested Business and Items for August –

Barbara Beckert shared the June Mental Health Task Force meeting details have been released and will be distributed shortly.

7) Adjourn – Tom Reed adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm. The next CJC Mental Health Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 7th, 2023, at 2:00 pm. There will be no meeting in July.



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June 5, 2023 – CJC Mental Health Committee Meeting Attendees:

Tom Reed, Mike Lappen, Dana Blake, Rose Stietz, Sarah Wang, Barbara Beckert, Stephanie Garbo, Lane Miller, Jim Feagles, Adam Oldenburg, Cassandra Robinson, Susan Eckhart, Jacob Poston, Lisa Procaccio, Katie Holtz, Susan Collyard, Christine Apple, Claire Starling

Staff: Mandy Potapenko, Erin Potapenko, Alyssa Doman

Total: 21