

**SCCBI**  
**JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING**  
July 15, 2016

Present: Sue Rynda, Brian Buhmann, Kathy Werner, Sara Emich, Phil Claussen, Joan Tesdahl, Mark Shaw, Vicki Stock, Faye Bernstein

Others Present: Noelle Bruender, James Marthaler, Amy Haas, Mike Pribyl, Darren Tungsvik, Christina Anderley

The meeting was called to order.

Introductions were made.

**Action Items:**

Approval of the Minutes – Brian Buhmann made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2016. Joan Tesdahl seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

Approval of Agenda – Sue Rynda made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Kathy Werner seconded the motion.

Mark Shaw made an addition to the minutes, Mode 6 Transportation. All members were in favor of the modified agenda.

Public Comment – None

**Fiscal Host Report:**

Fiscal Data Reporting – There is a strong pull to switch to MHIS reporting. The following would be processed through MHIS reporting:

- AMHI dollars
- CSP grants
- All adult mental health case management

Monitoring Visits – The first benchmark of \$5,000 was hit and the okay has been given to move ahead. About ½ of the monitoring visits have been completed.

Regional Mental Health Initiative Manager position – Interviews took place on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jamie Grohman was offered the position and has accepted. She will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> and office at the Blue Earth County Government Center.

**Horizon Homes Crisis Services Summary:**

Mobile – James Marthaler is the Chairperson of the Mobile Crisis Committee. Locally and statewide, mobile services are underspent. Mobile crisis services are unknown to many organizations so James is doing a lot of promoting throughout the area. The monthly totals were reviewed for 2016 thus far. The largest number of calls in 2016 was in the month of May with 29 calls. In 2015, mobile crisis calls averaged 10-15 calls per month, so there is a steady climb.

Much discussion regarding liability, credentialing, and cost effectiveness of mobile services.

Crisis/Warm Line – The crisis/warm line is quite time consuming. Canvas Health may be subcontracted to help with the volume as a backup system. The warm line is the most taxing on staff. Looking at a possibility of splitting the crisis line from the warm line. Calls don't usually come in after 10:00 pm.

Mode 6 Non-Emergency Medical Transportation – This is a new transportation service/benefit as of July 1. There isn't start up or grant money associated with this new service.

Beltrami County has started the Mode 6 Transport service. Also with the transport service is a screening sheet that should be completed and turned into DHS within 24 hours of the transport. The time might be extended as weekends need to be taken into consideration. At this time the SCCBI region does not have a Mode 6 service provider.

#### DHS Report:

AMHI Reform – Nancy Houlton will attend the JPB meeting in August to review and gather comments regarding the AMHI reform report. The RMT will form a workgroup to put together a summary to share with Nancy.

Contract – Award letters are now going to be contracts. DHS would like the contracts to span 2 years which means that budgets would have to move to a 2 year cycle as well.

- Faye Bernstein would like carryover authority on DHS money as they don't have a full 2 years of money available.
- The 2895's will stay in place in order to pay the Initiatives.
- The money is currently not encumbered. DHS would like to move the Initiative into being encumbered.
- Reminder that the grant application will arrive by August 1<sup>st</sup> instead of September.
- The AMHI and CSP contracts will go out immediately. The Initiative will have the AMHI contract and the individual counties will have the CSP grant.

Budget Workgroup/Priority Setting – The priority setting for the year has taken place. High on the list is staffing and psychiatry. There was some discussion on what could be increased or decreased.

It was questioned if the population of Clubhouses are steadily growing. The population trend was unknown.

Mental Health Conference – The brochure for the mental health conference has been produced. There was discussion if the Initiative should pay for mental health staff to attend the conference or should individual counties pay for their own staff.

Joan Tesdahl made a motion that the Initiative will pay for all adult mental health staff to attend the conference. Brian Buhmann seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

RMT Report – Amy Haas gave the report. Amy read a letter written by Jim Wood. Jim wrote the letter to the JPB on behalf of a consumer who complained of restrictions at Clubhouses.

It was explained that the Clubhouses are 501C3's, many of whom rent their space. Each Clubhouse has different liability issues. There are some rules about no cooking when staff is not present on weekends.

A motivational retreat is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> and many people are interested in attending.

Housing Mini Grant - \$12,500 was returned from Savannah House. There was a discussion on how to spend this money. The housing mini grant instructions and application were reviewed.

Brian Buhmann made a motion to enhance housing facilities for SPMI consumers with mini grants between \$1,000 - \$12,500. Vicki Stock seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

AMRTC Workgroup – The Workgroup has been assessing gaps in admission and discharge to the AMRTC. The Workgroup has also been assessing a regional need for a liaison case manager.

The Workgroup and the RMT gave their recommendations regarding gaps:

- Continued education on Whatever it Takes and Transition to Community Grants
- Obtain CSS, Synergy and behavioral analysis expertise
- Increase expertise within Mobile Team to operate “synergy like” services

Liaison Case Manager – This idea was discussed and will continue to explore the option as there appears to be a need for this position. The idea of adding a liaison case manager may increase communication with the AMRTC.

Options that the Workgroup presented are:

- Shared Services Agreement with Mentor Network (REM)
- County Staff Reallocated
- Shared Services Agreement with the State

Brown County and Le Sueur County are both interested in getting a behavioral specialist on board. An email will be sent to these two counties to decide how to move forward on this.

Adjourn.