

Present: Angela Youngerberg, Tom Henderson, Kathy Werner, Sue Rynda, Cassie Sassenberg, Naomi Ochsendorf

Others Present: Amy Haas, Gloria Smith, Tom McNeely, Mark Kossman, Jamie Grohman, Teri Herder-Blahnik

Sue Rynda called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy Werner moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2019 JPB meeting. Youngerberg seconded. Motion carried.

Change of Meeting Venue:

Jamie will check to see if the 5th floor conference room at Vine (*temporary office space for BEC admin*) is available for JPB meetings in the future.

Approval of Agenda: Kathy Werner moved to approve the agenda. Tom Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Crisis Text Line: Tom McNeely, Executive Director at Counselling Services of Southern Minnesota, attended the meeting in response to concerns expressed about their contract with Canvas Health and subsequent hiring of a regional coordinator (Laura Gaffer) to promote the crisis text line and lead QPR trainings. Tom explained that the contract stipulates a breakdown of 10% involvement with committees/meetings/networking; 30% providing QPR trainings to community groups; 60% tabling events such as health fairs and conferences. Tom addressed concerns about unanswered questions regarding the crisis text line, saying that the primary goal of CSSM is to provide public awareness, and that the crisis text line is a small part of that. However, he did provide answers to some concerns and questions that were asked of him at the Crisis Committee meeting on May 2nd:

- Regional Boundaries – Tom requested that boundaries be adjusted to reflect the SCCBI region in the July recontracting.
- Crisis Text Line – A person who texts the crisis text line will instantly receive an automatic reply that their text was received. A live response will be received in five minutes. Operators can contact law enforcement if necessary to track down the texter in an emergency situation. Tom added that the text line is a national crisis text line. They have the technology to collect state data but are not yet ready for regional data. That may happen in a few months. Canvas Crisis Text Line Program Supervisor, Dr. Rosemary White Shield plans to attend the next Crisis Committee meeting.

2019 Q1 Psych Allocation and Freeborn County Funding Request: Spending of Psychiatric Allocation was reviewed. As a whole, 40.94% of the grant has been spent. BECMHC and Sioux Trails are underspent, and Freeborn County is overspent. Mark Kossman submitted an unmet needs request on behalf of Freeborn County Mental Health Center for an additional \$75,000 in outpatient psychiatric funding. The center has used 94% of its allocation due to increased psychiatric volume and a delay in credentialing of a new provider. BECMHC anticipates spending their entire allocation, and Sioux Trails' allocation is small, so there will be little or no underspending available to redirect to Freeborn County. The JPB decided to table the proposal until next month, with a request that Freeborn County provide more information regarding current and retroactive payments they may be receiving from insurance companies following to the completion of the provider's credentialing in March.

RMT Report: Amy Haas reported on the May 9th RMT meeting.

- LAC reports were mostly about Mental Health Awareness Month plans and clubhouse open houses.
- DHS, JPB, Q1 Budget and Crisis Utilization Reports were given

- Jamie collected staff numbers from Supervisors to plan some MI&D trainings in the region. One training is already in place for Faribault/Martin Counties and has been opened up to Watonwan and Freeborn Counties.
- There was a brief discussion about CFR policies. Amy told the JPB what *County of Financial Responsibility* looks like to a consumer/client using the Stakeholders meeting as an example. CFR is confusing for people who are living in an IRT, adult foster care or other treatment setting that is located outside of their original home county. They attempt to register for the meeting at the County table representing the county in which they currently reside, only to learn that they need to go to a different table - one that represents the county they lived in before they moved to their current facility. Unless their current residence is extremely temporary, they see their “CFR” as the county where they are living.
- Fall Retreat – Member preference is to hold the fall retreat at the Gustavus interpretive center at the end of October. Jamie will contact Gustavus to look into scheduling and catering options.
- Stakeholder Meeting - The team reviewed meeting statistics and survey results from the April Stakeholder meeting. Consumer attendance was 225, with 216 people completing surveys (96% return rate). Most attendees reported feeling empowered after the event. The next Stakeholder meeting is September 10.
- Other Updates – Received updates on the U of M program evaluation project, South Central Crisis Center open house, and Bridges vouchers.

DHS Report: Gloria Smith gave the DHS report.

- May DHS Updates were included in the meeting packet.
- Gloria reported that they are in the middle of an organizational change with new staff, positions and promotions. Gloria will try to locate an organizational chart to share with us at the next meeting.

April Vendor Report: Kathy Werner moved to approve the April vendor payments. Tom Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

SCCBI Contracts with Counties: Jamie handed out the final drafts of the contracts with the counties. Once signed, the contracts can be mailed back to Jamie or handed to her at an upcoming meeting.

2019 Q1 Budget Reports:

AMHI Grant/Base Budget – The grant is 25% spent. The Regional Manager position appears overspent, but it is not. Part of the position will be billed to Rice County. Strategic planning/PM/Auditing is 122% spent because last year’s fiscal monitoring was paid out of this year’s grant. Stakeholder/Networking is 30% spent because three clubhouses are paid their entire budget all at once, and we purchase more gift cards than we need for the Stakeholders meeting. Some bills for IRTS services were received after the budget report was completed. They encompassed spenddowns and some services not covered by insurance. Jamie concluded that IRTS will be fully spent soon. She will keep JPB updated on its progress.

Mankato Crisis Center Grant – The grant only appears to be 6% spent because Jamie had not yet received the bill when the report was completed. After payment, the grant will still appear underspent in order to account for an overpayment at the end of last year. Urgent care is underspent at 15%. Jamie is encouraging clinics to try to bill urgent care whenever possible.

Mobile Crisis Grant – The grant is 18% spent, but Jamie anticipates that it will be fully spent at the end of the year. We still have been unable to find a rapid access psychiatry provider for children.

Crisis Utilization Report: *(included in meeting packet)* Horizon Homes Crisis Center is on track to break their admissions record. They had 118 admissions in Q1; 79% were from SCCBI counties. Mobile Crisis continues to grow. There are more self-referrals due to the integrated crisis line. The first two Community Interventions were made in March. They are a billable service resulting when a Mobile Crisis staff makes an unplanned contact with a family member/co-worker/landlord/teacher/etc. following (or sometimes concurrent to) a mobile crisis. This can include calling someone (if client signs a release) to follow up on something or providing tips to family members on how to avoid escalating a situation. Jamie may break out children’s mobile calls per county in the next utilization report.

April Stakeholder Report: Attendance statistics and gift card stipend amounts were reviewed. Meeting attendance was 225, an increase of 30 attendees compared to Sept. 2018. \$5,350 in gift card stipends were distributed: Walmart – 167 cards totaling \$4,175; Hy-Vee – 47 cards totaling \$1,175. RMT members and meeting attendees greatly appreciated seeing the directors in attendance at the meeting and especially the involvement of Sue Rynda and Mark Shaw in the skit.

New South Central Crisis Center: Jamie played the PowerPoint slideshow that was shown during the crisis center open house on May 7th. Over 200 people attended the afternoon open house. Forty Case Managers attended the 10:00 a.m. private open house, and the entire BECMHC staff toured the site at 9:00 a.m.

U of M Program Evaluation: On May 1st, the U of M students gave their final presentation and produced the survey that they developed for the Initiative. Jamie reported that the end-product turned out great. Following receipt of final documents, Jamie will share the U of M presentation and survey materials with the JPB.

Bridges Housing Update and Cooperative Agreement: *(program summary included in meeting packet)* No additional Bridges vouchers (above the current number of 24 – 10 for Rice County and 14 for Mankato) were awarded this year, but the housing authority received permission to regionalize. However; due to the lack of additional vouchers, regional portability will probably not be offered unless more vouchers are received. Nancy Bockelmann is optimistic that more vouchers will be made available midway through the year. We need to start networking with other regional housing authorities in anticipation of additional vouchers.

Naomi Ochsendorf moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Blue Earth County Economic Development Authority. Angie Youngerberg seconded. Motion carried.

Letters from MSOP: Some counties have been receiving letters from individuals committed to the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) at Moose Lake. Sue Rynda reported that she reached out to an attorney who believes the letters are part of a coordinated effort by someone in the system at Moose Lake. No action has been recommended or advised to be taken at this point.

Dignitaries Breakfast in June: The Dignitaries Breakfast is scheduled for the morning of Friday, June 21. The JPB will meet at 11:00 a.m. for a shortened meeting.

As there was no further business, Naomi moved to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, June 21, **11:00 AM** – 12:00 PM, Nicollet County Human Services, North Mankato

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Herder-Blahnik, SCCBI Administrative Secretary/Office Support