

SCCBI
JOINT POWERS BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2018

Present: Mark Shaw, John Glisczinski, Joan Tesdahl, Sue Rynda, Brian Buhmann, Naomi Ochsendorf, Angie Youngerberg, Tom Henderson

Others Present: Amy Haas, Eric Hull, Jamie Grohman, Teri Herder-Blahnik

Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: Brian Buhmann moved to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2018 JPB meeting. Joan Tesdahl seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda were made to include RMT, Stakeholder's Meeting, Budget Committee and Innovation Grant. Sue Rynda moved to approve the agenda with the additions. Angie Youngerberg seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

SCCBI Data Utilization Snapshot: Eric Hull, SCCBI intern and RMT member, shared regional and county-specific data showing trends over the past three years of clubhouse participation and activity. Regionally, there was a decrease of only 13 participants from 2013 to 2017. The SCCBI clubhouses had an increase of 15 people per day involved in their activities, and there were 5,614 more visits in 2017 than in 2013. On average, clubhouses were open 35 more days per year in 2017 than they were in 2013. JPB members expressed interest in having the data forwarded to contacts at DHS, in particular Gloria Smith, Ben Ashley-Wurtmann and Shelley White. There would be additional value in future reporting if data could be gathered which points to a conclusion that participation in clubhouses reduces and prevents hospitalizations and civil commitments. That could be tracked by obtaining the histories of clubhouse members and comparing the number of hospitalizations and commitments prior to clubhouse participation with admissions following clubhouse participation.

DHS Update: The JPB meeting packet included an April 2018 update from Gloria Smith highlighting new staff and reporting and program updates. Jamie Grohman reported that Gloria Smith and Cortney Jones requested to talk about data reporting at the April RMT meeting (which was cancelled due to the weather), but they did not share any details with her. Amy Haas inquired about the viability of sending people to future CPS trainings. Jamie reported that she invited Shelley White and Gloria Smith to attend an Integrated Services meeting to hear about the barriers and reasons why providers are choosing not to hire Certified Peer Specialists, and why the Initiative, in turn, is not sending people to trainings. They did not respond to the invitation. Jamie will follow up with Shelley and Gloria with a second invite.

DHS Contracts Update: Mark Shaw reported that he received the final version of the mobile crisis grant contract on April 18 and sent a copy to the county attorney on the 19th. The other contracts are already with the county attorney, and he should be getting them back to sign next week. The contracting process with DHS has been slow, inefficient and frustrating with slow responses from DHS. Two issues were identified with the current contracting process.

1. Contracts were not received until after the first of the year. Therefore, Rice County, as fiscal agent, has still not received the \$167,500 first installment and must use its own county funds to pay mobile crisis bills in the interim. Blue Earth County has not received any money either, for either of the two grants they manage. Some of the reason for delay this year is the change to SCCBI as an entity in its contracts.
2. Contract language states that we cannot provide services until the contract is signed. There is concern that the grant's fiscal agent may be at significant risk by providing service without a contract in place. However, following the contract as written would lead to a disruption of all grant funded services until approximately May.

Mark offered to draft a letter to DHS regarding the grant contract process, as fiscal agents are hesitant to remain the fiscal host as things are now. DHS must move up their timeline and provide draft contracts before January.

Brian Buhmann made a motion that Mark Shaw write a letter on behalf of the Joint Powers Board requesting earlier receipt of contracts and stating that the SCCBI is not in the fiscal position to go through the same contract process again with delayed contracts, delayed responses from DHS, and delayed receipt of grant funds. Angie Youngerberg seconded. Motion passed. Jamie will work with Mark on the letter and will pull together a communication timeline with specifics that can be addressed in the letter.

2018 Grant Application Feedback: Jamie will email the supervisors a request for feedback along with last year's grant application for their reference.

AMRTC/CBHH Capacity Update: Jamie shared AMRTC and CBHH capacity updates received from Andy Formantes, Supervisor of Utilization Management at DHS. Overall, the average length of stay was reduced in 2017, but both AMRTC and the CBHHs operate below budgeted capacity due to staff shortages. CBHHs have a very low percent of non-acute bed days (sub 10% collectively). No data was provided regarding non-acute bed days at AMRTC. Angie Youngerberg reported that they are working on bills in the Senate and House to address the billing of counties for "Does Not Meet Criteria" days. One bill will allow counties to participate in the appeals process which would be advantageous when the County has a viable plan in place for discharge of a client who no longer meets criteria, but the facility cannot or will not discharge the client.

March Vendor Report: Brian Buhmann moved to approve the March Vendor Report. John Glisczinski seconded. Motion carried.

Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws Review and Approval: Jamie reported that all counties except Blue Earth and Nicollet responded to her with feedback about the JPA and bylaws. She will make the approved minor language adjustment noted by Sibley County and follow up with Nicollet County before routing to all counties for signatures. Contracts should be returned to Jamie by June 1, and she will send them to the attorney for review. Jamie will reach out to Ann Goering regarding other contracts within the initiative.

Crisis Committee: Jamie gave a brief overview of the Crisis Committee meeting that took place on April 5. She highlighted some issues and concerns with the crisis line currently operated by Canvas. Jamie shared that Horizon Homes is interested in pursuing a variance to get the crisis line back and inquired if JPB supports their movement toward this. Angie Youngerberg moved to support Horizon Homes' pursuit of a variance to operate the crisis line. Brian Buhmann seconded. Motion carried.

Rapid Access to Psychiatry in New Ulm will be ready to go once we receive the release form. Jamie reached out to Carissa for the release of information, but hasn't heard back yet. Tom Henderson will call Carissa with a reminder.

Historic Mills 2017 Services Recap: Jeff Jarvis met the contract requirements to provide mobile crisis, and the County is awaiting his transfer to them of created items.

Regional Telepresence and Crisis Services: Jamie met with Horizon Homes to talk about outreach to five emergency departments whereby SCCBI would provide them Vidyo technology to facilitate face-to-face contact and assessment of ED patients with mobile crisis staff. Horizon Homes identified five EDs that currently have a good relationship with mobile crisis and who might be more inclined to try out the technology. Angie suggested that to make the selection process fair, a letter be sent to all 10 EDs to solicit interest in the pilot program. At a cost of \$350 per unit, SCCBI will retain ownership of the equipment. Maintenance and replacement responsibility has not yet been discussed. Joan Tesdahl made a motion to approve the funds for up to ten Vidyo units to be provided to emergency departments. Sue Rynda seconded. Motion carried.

Stakeholders Meeting: The April Stakeholders meeting was cancelled due to weather. Verizon did not charge SCCBI for the catering or venue. The speakers on the agenda for the April meeting are willing to speak at the September Stakeholders meeting. There was talk about creating a replacement activity for which people would be able to receive the stipend they would have received at the stakeholders meeting.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee will meet on Monday, April 23. Agenda items include staffing allocation, underspending, and the process and prioritization for reallocation of underspent dollars.

Amy Haas: Amy handed out buttons made by the Waterville Workforce Center in honor of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Consumers picked out the saying and designed the button.

Innovation Grant: There has been no word from DHS on our Innovation Grant application, which at this point sends a message that we were not awarded the grant. In the meantime, Angie reported that Blue Earth County is getting pinched by competency restoration.

Other: Brian Buhmann reported that Freeborn County will see its first male therapist start in May. Freeborn and Martin Counties are piloting a pre-admission/pre-screening process for new patients with the goal of reducing no-shows. The HUB decreased a FTE therapy position and created a social worker position to take referrals and streamline the intake process.

Next JPB Meeting: Friday, May 18 at Nicollet County Human Services, North Mankato

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Herder-Blahnik, SCCBI Administrative Assistant