



**Present (via Zoom):** Phil Claussen, Chera Sevcik, Suzi Nerison, Sue Rynda, Klea Rettmann, Naomi Ochsendorf, Angela Youngerberg, Mark Shaw, Barb Dietz

**Others Present:** Amy Haas, Jamie Hayes, Noelle Bruender

**Call to Order:** Chair, Mark Shaw, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sue Rynda moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2021 meeting. Klea Rettmann seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Phil Claussen moved to approve the agenda. Naomi Ochsendorf seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**March Vendor Report:** Mark Shaw received an invoice from Open Door Mobile Crisis Center for unused slots. Mark will process invoice through the crisis grant.

Barb Dietz moved to approve the March Vendor Report. Chera Sevcik seconded. Motion carried.

**April RMT Report, Amy Haas:** Amy reported on a summary, in place of an April RMT meeting.

- **Training Needs** – Supervisors are asked to check with staff and provide feedback at the May RMT meeting as to training needs/suggestions of trainers. Also, staff should identify the top 3 barriers of those they serve.
- **Data Subcommittee** - Jamie will work on getting the number of individuals throughout the region served on TCM.
- **Transportation Needs** – Revisit at a future RMT meeting, post-pandemic.
- **AMHI Reform Survey** – County Supervisors have been asked to respond to this survey.
- **Zero Suicide Framework** – Rapid Response Team will review information.
- **Housing with Supports RFP** – The House of Lights in Brown County is closing its doors on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Transition plans for 7 current residents is being addressed.
- **May is Mental Health Month** – The Set Committee is working on awareness and activities for the month of May.
- **Certified Peer Specialist Training** – Amy Haas completed the certified peer specialist training with high marks!

**AMHI Reform Survey Summary Information and Feedback:** The survey was provided by DHS. The survey didn't encompass all factors that should be considered in development of a funding formula. Feeling that the survey shouldn't be the Initiative's only voice, a letter will be added when submitting the survey by the SCCBI. The letter will coincide with the purpose of the survey and highlight the SCCBI structure and what works for the Initiative.

**May is Mental Health Month Proposal:** Those with SPMI in the 10-county region are eligible for a gift card for participating in any of the “May is Mental Health Month” activities.

Those activities include:

- View any of (4) TED talks
- View an informational power point
- Power of Positivity presentation by Eric Lundin
- Participate in ZOOM presentation, “Nutrition and Mental Health”
- Create a mental health awareness promotion – design a flyer, poster, bumper sticker, etc.
- Sharing kindness – pay-it-forward type of gesture. Share what kind act was done for the community

Participants should submit what their activity was by May 31<sup>st</sup> to Amy or Jamie for their gift card.

The \$25 gift cards from either Hy-Vee or Walmart will be distributed by the Clubhouses.

**Billboards** – Mental Health Awareness billboards are going up around the region from May 3 – 31. Funding for this is provided by the crisis grant marketing budget, which will pay for 5 billboards in Faribault, Fairmont, Gaylord, St. Peter, and Cleveland. A sixth billboard may possibly be added in Freeborn County, which would be funded by Horizon Homes. A layout of the billboard was provided and discussed.

Sue Rynda moved to approve the May as Mental Health Month proposal and Phil Claussen seconded. Motion carried.

**Housing with Supports RFP Update:** There is more outreach being done with Providers as there’s not been much interest shown to the RFP. This housing resource is a real need. Possibly a larger provider could take this on or there may be a provider that would like to expand. The House of Lights will close on June 30, 2021. Could the RFP be restructured without a due date? This will formally come before the JPB on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**FAS Regional Training:** A regional training will be conducted on, “Children and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome”. The cost for the region is \$450 and will come from Crisis funding. There will be no limit to the number of attendees. The training notice will be posted soon.

**Other Agenda Items:** Mark Shaw is being pressured to secure more beds locally as law enforcement and the hospitals have not enough locations to go. With the current complexity of children, there’s no where to place them. There’s hope that a private provider may be willing to take on this difficult clientele.

Also, Jamie Hayes, along with Horizon Homes, will meet with Northfield Hospital to present about regional mental health crisis services.

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

**Next JPB Meeting:**

Friday, May 21, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in person, Community Room in St. James, MN.

The meeting can be hybrid. The thought is to rotate the monthly meeting from county to county.

Respectfully submitted, Noelle Bruender, Administrative Secretary, Blue Earth County Human Services.