



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

Others Present: Amy Haas, Jamie Hayes

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

Approval of Minutes: Chera Sevcik moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2021 meeting. Naomi Ochsendorf seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda: Barb Dietz moved to approve the agenda. Phil Claussen seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

May Vendor Report: Quarter 1 county reimbursements for the staffing allocation were made. Nurse Manager with the MHC position is filled and expenses are starting to be paid out. Quarter 1 Crisis Residential Expenses were paid out, as well as Mobile Crisis Services expenses paid. Suzi Nerison made a motion to approve, Chera Sevcik seconded.

May RMT Report, Amy Haas: Amy reported on the June 13th RMT meeting.

- LAC and County updates resumed-Some meeting, some starting again soon. Most counties open and clubhouses are doing more transporting and gathering than previous.
- Stakeholder event for May is Mental Health Month-Freeborn county had the most participants with 34 people. Gift cards at stakeholders are a challenge to obtain through Walmart.
- Data Reporting through the AMHI-Spreadsheet reporting is due at the end of the July. Most of the reporting is done through SSIS, and DHS has a more secure way to submit.
- Committee Meetings-Decisions made about virtual and in person. RMT and SET will return to in person next month, Crisis and Integrated will remain online at this time.
- Clubhouse Model/Mission-Discussion about whether we want to pursue something that represents the region at a whole, while still embracing the uniqueness of our clubhouses. There is a National Clubhouse Standard that we can pull from to match up with the needs of the rural mental health community.
- RMT Retreat-Discussion about having it in January of each year (a change from the fall, started some planning discussion).
- Committee Reports
 - Crisis Committee-Utilization information has been sent out, shared with JPB. Utilization for Mobile Crisis was a record setting number in May. Discussion on Law Enforcement referrals increasing, as well as the tracking of virtual versus face to face. Urgent Care services for those in the Crisis Center discussed. Work with Law Enforcement to make warm transfers versus just handing people the Crisis Cards.
 - Integrated Services-Wellness in the Woods presentation by Amy Haas. Provider updates.
 - SET-Stakeholders planned for the fall, JPB members will be invited. RMT will also occur on that date. Tamra Rovney Award will be presented at this event. Nomination forms are online.
 - RMT meeting will return in person for the month of July.

Grant Funds and Site Visits: Site visits are required annually for those contracted over a certain amount. This includes all of the counties that are contracted for staffing allocation funds. SCCBI will be scheduling site visits with each county and will also work to partner with the new Nurse Manager at the Blue Earth County Mental Health Center for these visits. She hopes to start connecting with counties and become more familiar with staff, so the meetings will be scheduled together when possible. Meetings will be face to face. Visits are part of fiscal monitoring practices.

Mankato Free Press Covering Mental Health: Thank you to Directors for completing survey information for the Free Press. They are working on a mental health series, the topics/details are not yet known, however, the

survey questions asked were a component of this. More information will be shared as available. The Free Press also plans to interview some individuals with lived experience as part of this.

Crisis Services and Rapid Response Merging: These two committees will be merging, with a focus on “Rapid Response” type items at the front of the meeting. Counties are encouraged to have both AMH and CMH represented at the meeting. It is up to each county if they want their Intake staff to continue to participate.

Delay in Advances for AMHI and Crisis Grants: AMHI advance has been received, however we still have not received the Crisis advance for the Crisis Grant or Appropriation. Additional concerns now that there is a possible state shutdown. Ongoing communication regarding our concerns has been taking place with DHS Financial Operations. Delayed payments are an issue beyond the MH Initiative levels. Carver County has drafted a document about the impacts of the state shut down, area by area. They deemed the Crisis portion of AMHI work to be deemed “critical”. Discussion on when to start communication with Crisis Provider that funds have not been received and when to we may not be able to pay providers. Discussion about drafting a letter to our providers and including DHS in our communications. The provider can submit a response back to the SCCBI that we can also forward on the DHS with information on when they will no longer be able to provide services. “Promptly” is defined in the Federal Prompt Payment Act as within 30 days. Prior to this, will be reaching out to Ann Goering as the Attorney for the SCCBI about the rules around timely reimbursement.

Crisis Services and Law Enforcement Outreach: The document developed by the SCCBI and Horizon Homes, also reviewed by Matt DuRose of the Mankato Police Department was shared and will be emailed out by the SCCBI soon. This document offers a one-hour training with Law Enforcement officers in the region. For agencies that are less familiar/engaged with crisis services, Matt DuRose is also will to participate in the Admin discussions about his experiences with crisis services from a Law Enforcement perspective.

AMHI Reform Workgroup Update: AMHI Reform Workgroup starts next week. Jamie Hayes is the only official member of the workgroup, however, Amy Haas will be joining her for this virtual meeting. Amy Plum was also invited but was unable to make it. They will likely be invited to sit in ongoing, to assist with the perspectives of a MH Supervisor and an individual with lived experience. Workgroup assignment was completed and submitted to DHS, along with the letter from the JPB. Copies were provided to JPB members.

July JPB Meeting, in person or virtual?: July’s JPB meeting will be in person at Watonwan County Human Services.

Other Agenda Items

- **MSU Update** David Beimers provided an update recently that MSU has received a grant of \$531,000 over a four year period to assist with training for MSW students, specifically in mental health. They will be able to assist 8 students per year with this funding.

As there was no further business, Mark Shaw adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, July 16, 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie Hayes, Regional Manager, SCCBI