Corrected Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 15, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department,
555 N. Court, Room 115, Rockford, IL

Present: Angie Goral (Chair), Richard Kunnert, Dr. Charles Smith, Dr. Sandra Martell (ex officio)

Absent: Philip Eaton, Carol Klint, Matthew Toohey

Support Staff Present: Mike Bacon, Karen Fiery, Harlan Johnson, and John Barlow (recorder)

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Introduction of Guests / Public Participation: Angie Goral welcomed the guests in attendance. Mr. Jordan Babcock and Eric O'Brien from Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare System; and Cindy Keating a Western Governors University student - working on Master’s degree project looking at adolescent mental health disparities.

Approval of Agenda: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Richard Kunnert moved and Dr. Charles Smith seconded to set the agenda, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the August 18, 2016 minutes. Richard Kunnert moved and Dr. Charles Smith seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Streamwood Behavioral Healthcare System (SBHS): Mr.’s Babcock and O’Brien provided a briefing on the history and services provided by SBHS. SBHS is primarily an inpatient stabilization hospital in Streamwood, IL that is a part of Universal Health Services (UHS). SBHS provides service to an average of 160-170 Winnebago County children and adolescents a year with and average stay of 10 days. Most of the children/adolescents referred to SBHS from Winnebago County are referred through the Rosecrance Health Network. Most of the funding for SBHS comes from Medicaid, as their focus is primary on the underserved population. Discussion was also held on ways SBHS navigates the limits that Medicaid managed care places on reimbursement.

Discussion was held between the SBHS representatives and the Committee members regarding the need to develop capabilities to provide continuity of care for adolescents locally. The proposed Illinois 1115 Medicare waiver will assist in opening up additional services. Collaborative efforts throughout the County were also discussed and the Rockford SBHS liaison will continue communication with the Committee to assist in providing resources to meet the Committee’s needs.
Team (Sub-Committee) Activity Reports:

a. Data/Survey:

i. Community Health Survey Data: The Community Health Survey data is now posted on the WCHD website with a disclaimer that is required to be acknowledged prior to download. The Annual report is also posted on the website, disclaimer not required.

ii. Provider/Referral Survey Data: The Provider and Referent survey data is set to be available in December 2016.

b. Messaging/Marketing:

i. Media Plan: The press conference conducted on August 22, 2016 announcing the Key Findings and Strategic Recommendations was a success. Discussion held on creating a funding campaign and the possibility of utilizing the Northern Illinois Community Health Foundation, a 501 3C foundation, to store any funds.

Discussion was held on composing a letter to the editorial board to address the crisis center and government body contributions. Decision was made to compose and send letter.

ii. Outreach Events: Committee meeting will be scheduled to look at the list of organizations at next meeting to attempt to get on their agendas to present the white paper and discuss continually sustainable funding sources. Funding Committee representation will be requested to attend meeting to provide input. Committee representatives will be needed to tag team the events.

c. Funding/Recommendations: Nothing to report.

Community Health Improvement Plan – Wellness Focused Winnebago: Dr. Sandra Martell presented an excerpt of the IPLAN 2020 relating to Mental Health. A review was conducted of the plan to include the goals, indicators and strategies.

Additions:

i. Next Meeting: Discussion held on conflicts with next meeting date of October 20, 2016. Consensus was to move the meeting to date to October 27, 2016.


iii. League of Women Voters Event: Event to be conducted - Shameful Criminalization of Mental Illness/Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart on October 25, 2016; 5:00 – 8:00 pm. DEADLINE to register is September 25, 2016.

iv. NAACP Event: Event to be conducted – Environmental Justice to be conducted on September 24, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at the Rockford Public Library.
iv. Group Hope New Entity: Lutheran High School requested counselors to assist in organizing support groups in the school due to a recent suicide. Three other schools are also awaiting assistance.

Meeting Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. with a motion by Angie Goral and seconded by Dr. Charles Smith, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee 11.17.2016
Date

Richard Kunhert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: October 27, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.; Winnebago County Health, 555 N. Court St., Room 115, Rockford, IL