Minutes of the  
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee  
Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 7:30 a.m.  
Rosecrance Health Network, 1021 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL

PRESENT: Charles Smith, Philip Eaton, Carol Klint, Richard Kunnert, Sandra Martell  
(ex oficio)

ABSENT: Donny Parham, Angie Goral (Chair), Matthew Toohey

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bacon, Karen Fiery, Melissa Westphal, and John Barlow (recorder)

Sandra Martell called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No guests present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Richard Kunnert moved and Philip Eaton seconded to set the amended agenda, all members voted aye, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. Carol Klint noted correction needed under approval of minutes, to change “Carol Klint asked for a motion” to read “Sandra Martell asked for a motion”. Charles Smith moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to approve the corrected minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

DATA/SURVEY SUB-COMMITTEE……………………………………..(December 16, 2015)

Approval of Minutes: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2015 minutes. Charles Smith moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

1. Data Validation Update: Richard Kunnert briefed that he is set to meet with the Rosecrance Ware Center key informant. He briefed that Matthew Toohey has talked with the developmental disability community key informants and is complete with his data validation.

Discussion was held regarding the drastic material changes regarding behavioral health that have occurred through the community since the survey was completed. It was stated that the validation of the data is critical due to these changes. We need to look at local funding solutions vice state reliance.
It was determined that the data validation would not be completed in time to conduct the Strategic Planning Session on February 3, 2016. Date for the planning section was changed to February 17, 2016 at 7:30-11:30 a.m. to be held at the Winnebago County Health Department, 555 N. Court St. Rockford, IL.

Discussion was held regarding police department Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. Local training provided by Rosecrance ended 3 years ago due to funding and State training took over the training. The State training does not have the capacity to train as there are only 2 classes a year with 6-8 local slots.

MESSAGING/MARKETING SUB-COMMITTEE.........................(No Meeting)

Approval of Minutes: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the December 22, 2015 minutes. Philip Eaton moved and Charles Smith seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

1. Written Report Update: Writing of the report has begun with the introduction and history of mental health in Rockford. Request was made for replacement for Donnie Parham, whom has officially resigned from the committee. Discussion was held on names to recommend to the Chairman.

Press release was sent out on December 30, 2015 to provide update on the survey project. Coverage was provided by the Rockford Register Star and WREX and via social media.

FUNDING/RECOMMENDATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.................. (January 7, 2016)

Approval of Minutes: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the January 7, 2016 minutes. Charles Smith moved and Richard Kunert seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

1. Funding Options: Mike Bacon briefed that the sub-committee is working a list of options along with pro's/con's for each option to determine recommendation(s) to bring to the full committee. A working spreadsheet of the options were presented and various aspects of each option were reviewed and discussed.

Different tax options were discussed on what they could provide and how to minimize economic impacts to our community. Encounter surcharge from Minnesota and Vermont were also discussed.

SUPER UTILIZER WORKGROUP: Mike Bacon briefed that the group is focused on accomplishing a Housing First initiative; just trying to find ways to fund. Housing authority and Zion Development continue to support initiatives and we are currently looking at Federal HUD grants and Foundation grants.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m. with a motion by Philip Eaton and seconded by Charles Smith, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee 2/18/2016

Richard Kunnert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 7:30 am; Rosecrance Center, 1021 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL