Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 @ 7:30 a.m.
Rosecrance, 1021 N. Mulford, Rockford, IL

Present: Angie Goral, Carol Klint, Phil Eaton, Matthew Toohey

Absent: Richard Kunnett, Donny Parham, Dr. Marilyn Griffin

Others Present: Mike Bacon

The meeting began at approximately 7:30 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 14, 2013 MEETING:

Carol Klint moved and Matt Toohey seconded to accept the August 14, 2013 minutes as presented, with all members voting aye.

CASE HISTORY REVIEW (Rosecrance Video):

Mr. Eaton provided a Rosecrance video entitled “Embrace Recovery”. This video covered the general issues of substance abuse and mental health issues. This video reviewed two case histories, one involving substance abuse, and another involving mental illness. Both were touching stories, yet in the long run treatment was essential to restoring a higher quality of life for these cases. Those present indicated the utility of these case profiles for communicating the effectiveness of intervention services. Excerpts could perhaps be used as part of the slide presentation or simply use the video as a lead in for additional comments.

OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Eaton indicated that the IDHS is reviewing rules for residential facilities. It was clarified that the Affordable Care Act does not cover the cost of residential facilities. This was followed by discussion.

Members suggested the utility of obtaining a copy of the Drug and Mental Health Court Alternatives examination of findings conducted by the University College of Medicine Research section. Mr. Bacon will attempt to get an electronic copy of this report and make it available for members.

Further it was discussed whether or not information could be obtained on alcohol sales and the potential for income for behavioral health services from an additional tax.

Health Systems Research has a history of conducting behavioral health needs assessments. Mr. Powers is their lead on this work. It was suggested that we setup a meeting with Mr. Powers to review their work and options to proceed with similar work for the Mental Health Advisory Committee.
NEXT MEETING:

There was a reminder of the next meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Maichle Bacon (Winnebago Count Health Department)

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee: October 9, 2013 DATE