

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 18, 2016 @ 7:30 a.m.
Rosecrance Health Network, 1021 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL**

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

ABSENT: Angie Goral (Chair)

SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT: Mike Bacon, Dave Peterson, Melissa Westphal, and John Barlow (recorder)

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

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS/ PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sandra Martell asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2016 minutes. Richard Kunnert moved and Matthew Toohey seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

DATA/SURVEY SUB-COMMITTEE.....(No Meeting)

1. Data Validation Update: Richard Kunnert briefed that Penny Billman is continuing work with the survey responses. Interviews were conducted with Youth Services Network (YSN), which provided an overview with children and adolescents; and with the Rosecrance Ware Center which provided a status of the adults system.

Richard Kunnert briefed findings from the interviews with the biggest needs being discovered are the child & adolescent community, crisis stabilization, psychiatrist services and general support services.

Matthew Toohey briefed the findings with the developmental disability community key informants with the biggest gap in services discovered were crisis services for individuals that may also have a mental health issue and lack of professionals that are willing to work with people with intellectual disabilities.

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

1. Written Report Update: The introduction and history of mental health in Rockford has been written; awaiting further information from the data committee.

FUNDING/RECOMMENDATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE...(January 27, 2016 and February 10, 2016)

1. Funding Options: Mike Bacon presented a working spreadsheet of the funding options which displayed the estimated annual revenue, the limitations / advantages and the models for each option. The different options were discussed on what they could provide and how to minimize economic impacts to our community. Once the service gaps and needs are identified the appropriate level of funding will be identified.

SUPER UTILIZER WORKGROUP: Mike Bacon briefed that the Rockford Housing Authority is hosting a wraparound services subject matter expert from Detroit tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., all are welcome to attend. The City of Rockford will be hosting a meeting to eliminate homeless by 2017 on February 26, 2016 at 555 N. Court St.

ADDITIONS:

The League of Women Voters has requested participation in a forum in April to discuss the survey's findings. Sandra Martell will inform the League of Women Voters that the biggest needs being discovered are the child & adolescent community, crisis stabilization, psychiatrist services and general support services.

The Strategic Planning session was discussed and moved to Tuesday, April 5, 2016.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m. with a motion by Richard Kunnert and seconded by Matthew Toohey, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

April 5, 2016
Date

Richard Kunnert

Richard Kunnert, Secretary
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee

Next Meeting: Strategic Planning Session – Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 8:00 am; 555 N. Court Street, Rockford, IL in Room 115

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 7:30 am; Rosecrance Center, 1021 North Mulford Road, Rockford, IL