

**Minutes of the
Winnebago County Mental Health Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 21, 2016 @ 8:00 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department,
555 N. Court, Room 115, Rockford, IL**

Present: Charles Smith, Angie Goral (Chair), Richard Kunnert, Matthew Toohey,

Absent: Philip Eaton, Carol Klint, Sandra Martell (ex officio)

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

Angie Goral called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Introduction of Guests / Public Participation: No guests present.

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

Approval of Minutes: Angie Goral asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2016 minutes. Matthew Toohey moved and Richard Kunnert seconded to approve the minutes. With that, all members voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion of Report: A discussion of the report was conducted broken into three parts; review of the major issues, alignment of recommendations with major issues, and prioritization of recommendations.

A document of the major issues was presented and broken into context, the community support model, and the identified gaps. Discussion was held on the identified gaps and the need to keep the report short and simplified. The picture needs to show the impact the Mental Health gaps are having today and what the consequences are in the future if measures are not taken now.

Discussion was also held on pointing out the how this affects the economic stability of the community and what mental health issues cost the County now & what it will cost them in the future if not worked now.

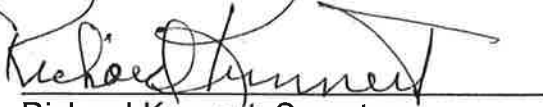
Throughout the report we need to keep emphasizing that Mental Health includes mental illness, substance abuse, and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Appendices to report will show possible funding / marketing options.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m. with a motion by Matthew Toohey and seconded by Richard Kunnert, all members voted aye in favor, motion carried.

Approved by the Mental Health Advisory Committee

May 13, 2016
Date



Richard Kunnert, Secretary

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Next Meeting: Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 8:00 am; Winnebago County Health, 555 N. Court St., Room 115, Rockford, IL