

OPEN MEETING - MINUTES
Waukesha County Health and Human Services
Mental Health Advisory Committee (MHAC) Meeting
February 19, 2024

Present MHAC Members: Addiction Resource Council (Jessica Brost), CCS Committee Liaison (Brittany Aceto), CST Liaison (Danielle Birdeau), DOC – Probation and Parole (Shannon Stydahar), Peer Specialists of Waukesha County (Susie Austin), Public Defender’s Office (Maura McMahan), WCTC (Amy Machgan, Chair)

Absent MHAC Members: LSS/Friendships-Clubhouse, NAMI (Mary Madden, Vice Chair), TJ Findley

Absent HHS Board Liaison: Vicki Dallmann-Papke

Present HHS Staff Liaisons: Kirk Yauchler

Guests: Janelle McClain

1. Call to Order

Chair Machgan called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

a. January 8, 2024

Motion: McMahan moved, second by Birdeau, to approve the Mental Health Advisory Committee minutes of January 8, 2024. Motion passed without a negative vote.

3. Committee Business

a. TJ Findley

McClain announced that Findley has resigned from the MHAC. If he wishes to rejoin in the future, the committee will need to vote him back on.

4. 2024 Joint Community Prioritized Needs Presentation to HHS Board – April 18, 2024

Attendees discussed the potential topics for the joint Community Prioritized Needs Presentation that is scheduled to be held on April 18, 2024.

The topics for the joint presentation are:

- Delta 8 Awareness and Education
- Resources for Grandparents who have custody of grandchildren
- Share return on investment for Certified Peer Specialists
 - Austin may be able to provide data and best practices
- Reiteration of Housing and Transportation Issues

Brost arrived at 1:45 p.m.

5. Committee and Organizational Updates

a. HHS Board Liaison

There was no HHS Board report.

b. HHS Staff Liaisons

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Yauchler stated that the Crisis Facility has been up and running for a few weeks. The census is currently being limited to approximately 5 clients due to staffing and other logistics, but staff hope to increase that to the full capacity of 14 by the end of the month. The facility is still operating under a conditional license while facilities complete a few tasks.

Crisis and court monitoring staff are scheduled to relocate to the Mental Health Center in early April.

The outpatient clinic and crisis program had their biannual DHS Division of Quality Assurance survey a few weeks ago and did not receive any citations.

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

As of this coming Monday, the adult CCS program will be fully staffed, with a new outreach staff member and a new TILA team member having been hired.

A new vendor, Trainers Royale, is launching with the CCS program.

Coordinated Services Team (CST)

There was no CST Report.

c. Peer Specialists of Waukesha County

Austin reported that there are now two Peer Specialists at Waukesha County, and three Peer Specialists at the Department of Corrections.

6. Agency Updates / Announcements

Machgan announced that WCTC will be holding an open house at both the Pewaukee and Waukesha campuses this Thursday from 3pm – 7pm.

Birdeau stated that there has been a Request for Proposal (RFP) opened for the Friendships Unlimited program.

7. Discuss Items for Next Meeting's Agenda

- Review Presentation


8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjourn

Motion: Austin moved, second by Aceto, to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janelle McClain.

Minutes Were Approved:  Date: 3/18/24