

Minutes for the 9-14-2010 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Chair, Michelle Allen, called the September meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Marshalltown Public Library, Community Meeting Room A, 105 W. Boone St.

Members present: Al Fagerlund, Rich Byers, Laura Schinnow, Anne Vance, Lisa Wohlert, Andy Lawler, Michelle Allen, Jill Crosser, Marie Ray, Shawn Propp, Jill Eaton, Lisa Soder, Linda White

Members absent: Barb Mathews, Sue Jones, Robert Stokesbary

Guests present: None

1. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made by all Board members present.

2. **FY10 Annual Report – Preliminary Information and input:**

Jill provided handouts outlining various segments of the preliminary report. Jill plans to hold another Board meeting once the report is finalized with Board approval. The annual report will then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their November 23rd meeting. This report will then be forwarded to the State department of MH/DD before the December 1, 2010 deadline.

3. **Proposed MH/DD Management Plan:**

A revised Policies and Procedure Manual has been developed and is very close to completion. The plan is a regional concept with the 6 county region that includes Marshall, Jasper, Poweshiek, Hardin, Tama, and Grundy counties. Each Counties plan will be its own however the intent is to have the same plan. After the advisory board approval, the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing and then the plan will be submitted to the MH/DD Commission for final approval.

4. **Reports from Strategic Plan chairs:**

Jill plans to meet individually with Strategic Plan committee members for feedback for the FY10 report.

5. **Agency Updates:**

Lisa Wohlert – (DHS Case Management) reported the hiring of Terry Swaim as a new Case Manager. A Child Mental Health Case Manger will be hired to replace Gerald Kucera who retired in March.

Ann Vance – (CIRSI) is working to maintain what they have been doing. Anne commented that the budget is very tight. No raises have been given in the past two years. There is currently a significant waiting list. An individual served by CIRSI has been selected to attend the Special Olympics in Greece, one of two people selected from Iowa.

Rich Byers – (MIW) commented their CARF accreditation has been completed. The renewal of their Department of Labor certificate is coming up in the near future. One hundred clients have been served in FY10. Ten clients from the surrounding high schools are being served. Currently there is enough work to keep everyone busy. No replacement thus far for Darla Burns who retired in July.

Jill Crosser – (Goodwill Industries) reported no referrals for supported employment for the last 5 to 6 months, only follow-ups. Voc Rehab has referred 3 to 4 clients this month. They are picking up some Hardin County clients due to the ending of the North Iowa Vocational Center contract. Rose McClure's (Job Coach) last day was September 13th.

Laura Schinnow – (CDC) said they passed their CARF accreditation. They are doing some language changes such as referring to participants rather than consumers and changing their staffings to planning meetings. Laura said they would like to establish an Advisory Council in each county they serve (Marshall, Poweshiek, Tama). There are openings in Marshall County for the first time in a very long time.

Michelle Allen – (North Star Community Services) commented they received their 3rd year CARF accreditation this summer. North Star is trying hard to keep their clients out of the hospital. They work close with Center Associates.

Al Fagerlund – (ARC) – reported their summer program partnered with Park and Rec was a success. Al said they saw a 30% increase in their adult camp and also an increase in their Wednesday night program under the direction of Jacey Stewart.

Andy Lawyer – (AEA267) – explained she wants to create a book for families on what services are available for students transitioning into the adult world. There was much discussion by the entire advisory board indicating a need to recreate the Transition Advisory Board (TAB).

Jill Eaton reported that 15 to 17 counties are now on the Community Service Network which will link all 99 counties through a web based network housed at ISAC in Des Moines. Since Ellsworth Municipal Hospital closed their psych unit it is taking much longer to find a bed. We have now entered a new contract with St Lukes in Cedar Rapids. Jill encouraged anyone wishing to apply for the ID Waiver to do so now as there will be a statewide waiting list as of January 1, 2011.

Chair, Michelle Allen, adjourned the meeting at 3:10 P.M

Future meeting dates: To Be Announced.