

Minutes for the 11-15-2011 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Chair, Anne Vance, called the November meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Marshalltown Public Library, Community Meeting Room B, 105 W. Boone St.

Members present: Anne Vance, Rich Byers, Lisa Fifo, Michelle Allen, Barb Mathews, Marie Ray, Robert Stokesbary, Shawn Propp, Jill Eaton, Lisa Soder, Linda White

Members absent: Al Fagerlund, Laura Schinnow, Andy Lawler, Sue Jones

Guests present: None

1. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made by all Board members present.

2. **CPC Updates:**

Jill gave a brief explanation on the new Mental Health Redesign program. Interim meetings are being held. The interim committee will present the recommendation to the legislature in 2012.

3. **Reports from Strategic plan chairs:**

Goal 1 Transition (Andy Lawler, Jill Eaton) – Judy Adland is spearheading “Show Me The Way” conference to be held spring 2012. There is to be a meeting at 7:00 pm this evening at the Adland home. The Transition Advisory Board through AEA267 has been meeting regularly also.

Goal 2 Promote Employment (Rich Byers) – Continues to promote employment. Three (3) MIW employees work with Barb Mathews thru Voc Rehab. Eight (8) employees work with the Job Opportunities Initiative Program. MIW has 65 funded employees and 9 non-funded employees.

Goal 3 Community Awareness (Michelle Allen, Lisa Soder) – Marshall County website has a resource guide available on the county website. They have been in contact with local law enforcement and MMSC gathering information that will be helpful in crisis situations. Jill and Lisa Soder will be meeting with Andi Walker from the House of Compassion to inform her of the services the Community Services office has available.

4. **FY10 Annual Report:**

Jill provided a draft of the FY11 Annual Report. Michelle Allen motioned to approve the FY11 Annual Report. Motion seconded by Rich Byers. Motion carried. Jill encouraged Board members to further review the report and to contact her with any additional changes or corrections. Any changes will be communicated to the Advisory Board. The annual report will be on the Board of Supervisors agenda on November 22, 2011. This report will then be forwarded to the State before the December 1, 2011 deadline.

5. Agency Updates:

Lisa Fifo – (DHS Case Management) reported on using the pre-authorization process with Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) and doing the best job they can do.

Ann Vance – (CIRSI) said they have hired an architect to make some plans on how to remodel the new Linn St location. A grant has been received to help with the renovation. The plan is to be moved into the new site by this summer 2012. Staff turnover is about the same and it continues to be difficult finding qualified people. CIRSI does have a waiting list for services. .

Rich Byers – (MIW) commented MIW currently has the lowest number of full-time staff in quite some time; sixteen full-time and twelve part-time employees. Work has slowed down considerably but new orders are coming in. MIW has received a grant/loan from the DNR for \$400,000 to upgrade equipment in the recycling department.

Michelle Allen – (North Star Community Services) Staff turnover and employment is a problem with them as well. North Star continues to work closely with Center Associates and is a big help with medication changes. Having a “drop in” center would be welcomed.

Barb Mathews – (Voc Rehab) also spoke about difficulty with supported employment. There has been a waiting list since 2002, but referrals come off every month. She continues to encourage referrals and said case loads are growing.

Jill Eaton reported not signing a contract with St Luke’s in Cedar Rapids for inpatient psychiatric services due to the language required by the hospital.

Chair, Anne Vance, adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Michelle Allen noted a survey regarding Mental Health redesign. This is from the State Mental Health and Disability Services November 7, 2011 bulletin:

As the recommendations are considered, DHS is reaching out to consumers, family members and advocates across the state to gain input into the proposed core services, those services that would be available statewide. We would like to better understand how these services may benefit Iowans as well as identify what services you believe should be priorities as we transition to an improved mental health care and intellectual and developmental disability system that helps all Iowans achieve the quality of life they desire.

You may complete the survey online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IARedesignSurvey>