

Minutes for the 11-17-09 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Vice Chair, Barb Mathews, called the November meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. at the Marshalltown Public Library, Community Meeting Room B, 105 W. Boone St...

Members present: Rich Byers, Laura Schinnow, Anne Vance, Carol Fonua, Barb Mathews, Jill Crosser, Shawn Propp, Jill Eaton, Lisa Soder, Linda White

Members absent: Al Fagerlund, Jackie Gray, Michelle Allen, Sue Jones, Marie Ray, Robert Stokesbary

Guests present: Pat Ross

1. **Introductions:**

Introductions were made by all Board members present.

2. **FY09 Annual Report – Details and input:**

The purpose of this meeting was to review the Fiscal Year annual report. Jill provided handouts outlining the various segments of the FY09 annual report. Carol Fonua motioned to accept the draft of the FY09 Annual Report. Motion was seconded by Anne Vance. Motion carried. The annual report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors at their November 24th meeting. This report will then be forwarded to the State department of MH/DD before the December 1, 2009 deadline. Jill encouraged Board members to review the report and get back to her with any questions or concerns

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

A new Policies and Procedure Manual has been developed that will be 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. Today is only to present the plan, but required no feedback from Board members until they had a chance to compare it to the current plan on the Marshall County website. Implementing any new additions/changes will be done after January 1st and then submitted to the MH/DD Commission.

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

Goal 1 – Transition – Jackie Gray & Jill Eaton

The Transition Advisory Board has been reactivated. Lisa Soder (CPC Social Worker) commented she has had little involvement with the high school; only 4 IEP's this current school year. Lisa is tracking IEP activity via a spreadsheet. It was suggested recruiting someone from the school district to serve on our Advisory Board.

Goal 2 – Promote Employment – Rich Byers & Jill Crosser

Transition is the key to supported employment. Jill pointed out that communication with the school district is crucial. Voc Rehab referrals are down for supported

employment. An Assistant Rehab Associate is on board to assist with one-on-one job seeking skills. A state-wide Employment Readiness Analysis form has been implemented to help promote those persons not eligible for funding.

Goal 3 – Community Awareness – Michelle Allen & Lisa Soder

Lisa Soder reported that resources need to be made available to the Marshalltown Police Department and the MMSC Emergency Room as to what the CPC office and DHS Case Management can do to possibly reduce the amount of mental health commitments. Lisa and Michelle to further report on this goal at a later date.

5. Agency Updates:

Carol Fonua – (DHS Case Management) reported Mary Greene, Social Worker Associate, will be leaving Case Management on December 14th. She has been offered a job with MICA. This position will not be replaced.

Ann Vance – (CIRSI) is working to trim their budget down \$80,000 to \$90,000 effective December 1st. Big hits were also felt with health insurance coverage. Anne reported there are a few staff openings. Currently CIRSI has 120 full-time staff and 40 to 50 part-time staff. If cuts are to be made, hopefully they will be ones that will not hurt direct service.

Rich Byers – (MIW) commented they have had to reduced hours and freeze wages. Production is up at this time and some employees have gone back to regular hours.

Jill Crosser – (Goodwill Industries) reported referrals are down. They, too, are dealing with across the board cuts; those being 5%. Since losing their grant, they are looking at other funding supports

Laura Schinnow – (CDC) said CDC funding is okay for the time being. Community Colleges are facing a 10% budget cut. Laura reported a hiring freeze and no salary increases. CDC is located in Marshall, Tama, and Poweshiek counties.

Barb Mathews – (Voc Rehab) is facing a 10% budget decrease as well, which amounts to \$500,000 in Marshall County and a \$2.4 million loss state wide. Staff loss due to retirements will not be filled. It will be “business as usual” as services are available. Referrals are needed.

Jill Eaton reported losing \$130,000 from her mental health budget due to the 10% budget restraint. The lower Federal Match to Medicaid expires 2010. As soon as we know what the Region is doing with the County Plan, we will plan to meet again after the first of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M