

Minutes for the 03-10-09 MH/DD Advisory Board Meeting

Chair, Michelle Allen, called the March meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Marshalltown Public Library, 105 W. Boone St., Group Study Room #1

Members present: Dennis Grabenbauer, Rich Byers, Laura Schinnow, Anne Vance, Carol Fonua, Michelle Allen, Sue Jones, Marie Ray, Robert Stokesbary, Shawn Propp, Jill Eaton, Lisa Soder, Linda White

Members absent: Al Fagerlund, Jackie Gray, Barb Mathews, Jill Boike

Guests present: Rose McClure (Goodwill Industries)

1. Introductions:

Introductions were made. The purpose of this meeting was to continue the process of the development of the 3 year strategic plan. The plan is to meet March 17th to complete this plan. Each work group shared information they had gathered and provided handouts from their respective committees as follows:

- Community Outreach Collaboration
- Transition process for students from school to adult service providers
- Employment
Rich and his committee members will meet this week and have input to present to the Board at the March 17th meeting.

Jill passed out the Strategic Plan Vision Statement and asked Board members if there were any changes to be made. No changes were noted as everyone thought it to be clear and concise. Jill concluded that the final step will be a public hearing on the plan on March 31st at 9:00 AM with the Board of Supervisors and then sent to the state April 1st. Jill and Supervisor Grabenbauer encouraged everyone to attend.

2. Agency Updates:

Carol Fonua (Case Management) – Lisa Hover (temp) has helped pick up some of the heavy caseloads. Lacey Spece and Mary Green, Social Work Associates have also helped pick up caseloads as well.

Laura Schinnow (CDC) – Spoke of Iowa Valley cutting a million dollars out of their FY10 budget and said pay freezes are likely.

Rich Byers (MIW) – Also spoke of wage freezes and low contract work.

Michelle Allen (North Star Community Services) – Working to keep those they serve stable and out of the hospital.

Rose McClure (Goodwill Industries) – Needing more referrals and those placed are doing well. Jill Boike is currently working in DSM and hopes to return to the Marshalltown office the end of April.

Anne Vance (CIRSI) – Spoke of possible wage freezes, but no lay-offs unless cuts in services are made. There is currently a waiting list for hourly consumers. The new site on Linn Street is leased at the current time.

The strategic plan will be finalized and approved to send to the Board of Supervisor's public hearing at the March 17th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:46 P.M.

**Future Date for work on the strategic plan is:
March 17, 2009 – at the Library – Community Room A**