



**Mental Health Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2019**

**Roll Call:** Cory Tello, Dan Deneen, Diane Wolfe, Chief Rick Bleicher

**Members Absent:** Wanda Halloway, Dr. Mary Sutter, Chief Brian Mohr, Laurie Wollrab

**Staff Present:** Camille Rodriguez, Amy Hancock, Trisha Malott, Mandy McCambridge

**Appearance by Members of the Public:** None

**Items for Information**

**A. Behavioral Health Coordinating Council Supervisor Update**

**FUSE**

Trish stated that the FUSE Program Manager has been hired. She starts in mid-March. Trish stated that they have been working on finalizing a contract with the partnering agencies for FUSE.

**Triage Center**

Trisha stated that they are conducting interviews for the Triage Center. They have received a lot of applications. Amy has been helping with the interviews. Trish thanked Camille for giving up some of Amy's time to help with interviews and thanked Amy for helping with the interviews. Trish stated that she has received a lot of the applicants have masters and mobile crisis experience. A lot of the candidates had PATH experience as well. The open date for the Triage Center is tentative.

The goal is to have final applicants hired and start training them mid-March. Training will be extensive. Trisha stated that this week she had conversations with law enforcement to instruct them on what kind of individual they should bring to the Triage Center.

**Telepsychiatry**

Trisha stated that she is waiting on final selection of the candidate. She got a call this week about one that would be able to work the hours that they are needing. The candidate would be working 15-20 hours a week. Trisha

addressed some concerns and questions regarding Telepsychiatry. Trisha stated that there are several reasons to go to Telepsychiatry. One of the concerns raised is how can Telepsychiatry be quality care if you can't see the person, can't take the vitals yourself, Trisha clarified that there will be a nurse taking vitals and will ask about your medications that you are taking. The nurse will take you to an office when the Tele psychiatrist is ready. Trish stated that research shows that telepsychiatry does work and is just as effective as in person. This is a progression. Diane thanked Trisha for giving a better understanding of how the Triage Center will work.

Trisha stated that 2 small group of BHCC members have been working on issues relating to youth and adolescence with a goal on creating a plan to implement new programming in some capacity. The plan will be developed by summer, so it will be in the budget for 2020. Cory asked if any members from the school districts were on the committee. Trisha stated that there were no members from the school districts on the committee, but she did think of that recently and she thought she should have included Cory to be on the committee. Cory stated that Diane Schultz would be a good person to be on the committee. She stated that she gets kids from 40 different districts, so she can really speak for schools.

## **B. Health Department Administrator Updates**

Camille spoke about the Strategic Plan in having the McLean County Health Department become Trauma Informed and Resilient. She does expect that our partners in the community to be trauma informed as well and she has been working on that. Camille stated that Amy has met in small groups with everyone in the Health Department to do a Trauma Informed Training and we will also be bringing in a trainer to provide us with some 101 level Trauma and Resiliency Training. We will then implement policies in the Health Department. Diane stated that she would love to have people at the Health Department that have been trained to come and train staff. Camille stated that she would definitely consider that. Camille stated that she sent a staff member to become certified in Meyers Briggs and she could go out and do the training with our partners on Meyers Briggs as well. Cory stated that Rob Lusk at The Baby Fold is also another good source to use for Trauma training. Dan stated that long term goal should be that all the larger employers are Trauma Informed. He stated that there is possibly a grant for this through SAMHSA. He stated that a lot of employers don't realize that a significant portion of their work force is trauma impacted.

Camille spoke about data that was provided in the packet regarding the Quarterly Reports of the agencies that we provide funding to. Camille appreciated how Amy bullet pointed some of her observations. Camille stated that we have started to require monthly financials from the agencies. Cathy Dreyer and her staff are assisting to help keep the agencies on track with the monthly financials.

Camille asked if there were any questions regarding the info in the packet. Rick stated that it would be a good idea to have the same kind of tracking system with the Embedded School Programs that we have with the agencies. He stated that the tracking system with Chestnut and Center for Human Services are done differently. Reporting needs to be more consistent. Amy stated the new financials for this year will help bring more clarity.

Amy has been meeting with the agencies to do quarterly site visits. One of her talking points in this last quarter is to get everyone uniform on what they do. Some agencies were not reporting Unduplicated Clients and Duplicated Clients correctly. Amy is explaining the difference between the two and giving a sheet out that explains the difference between the two as well.

Camille spoke about a meeting that she had with Tom Barr and two of his staff members as well. Amy and two BOH members were also present at the meeting. The meeting took place on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The intention of the meeting was to get the questions answered that the Boards had for them and to make some recommendations to them on what they do next. One of the recommendations is that they take 5 new patients a month. At this time, they stated that they will not take any new patients. Diane and Cory stated that they are both happy to have Camille's expertise in this situation. Camille will be providing the BOH an update on the outcome of the meeting.

The Ad hoc Funding Committee (subcommittee of the BOH) have been convening. The RFP process revamp was one of the topics along with the Embedded School Pilot evaluation. They haven't met in a while, but they will be convening again soon. Camille state that hopefully they (MHAB) can come to the next meeting. Camille will be sending draft documents that she is creating. Camille stated that it has been a challenge to find an evaluator for the Embedded School Project. The evaluators are concerned that they wouldn't be able to come to a conclusion.

## **Items for Discussion**

### **A. By-laws- By laws need to be reviewed and updated.**

The bylaws are to be reviewed a minimal of once a year by the MHAB to help inform members and check for relevancy. There may be some recommendations to the BOH of on changes made, including the MHAB bylaws matching Illinois Statute: County and multi-county health departments (55ILCS 5/). An example is the state statue stating, "Mental Health Advisory Board composed of not less than 9 nor more than 15 members who have special knowledge and interest in the field of mental health" versus the bylaws currently stating, "The Advisory Board shall consist of no less than nine members and no more than 11 members

with special knowledge and interest in the field of mental health.” We will review and have further discussion at the next meeting in June.

Dan stated that it is a good idea to get more people on the MHAB. Cory stated that it would be a good idea to do a survey on the best time to meet since we haven't had good attendance the last few meetings.

## **B. MHAB's role in the McLean County Health Department's Strategic Plan**

Camille spoke about the Health Departments Strategic Plan as a whole and also the Strategic Plan that was included in the packet. Camille stated that the MHAB plays a strong role in helping Amy effectuate the portions of the strategic map that she is assigned. The goal of the MHAB having some outlined plans on the strategic plan is to help support the MCHD strategic plan, identify MHAB goals, and to also have more direction on the advisement needed as relates to the strategic plan and BH. At the next meeting we will have more of a discussion on the Strategic Plan.

## **C. Creation and Implementation of Community Stakeholder's Survey**

Amy spoke about the Community stakeholder's survey that she is implementing. It is to help identify gaps in service or funding and to be utilized within the RFP process. The survey will be utilized using survey monkey and participants/agencies can pass the link to other stakeholders, participants in their program, etc. Amy stated that this was a talking point during the recent site visits and our current grantees are excited for this opportunity and expressed a willingness to pass on the link. Some of the participants are being identified at this time and the questionnaire is in the process of being created. The 377 Board is also utilizing this tool to identify possible gaps.

Some of the recognized stakeholders include our grantees, agencies identified on MH action plan, NAMI, people with lived experiences, League of Women Voters, Area Office on Aging, caregivers, Regional Office of Education, faith-based organizations, universities, hospitals.

Camille stated that the outcomes of the survey help drive some of the conversations that we need to have in advisement of the board as related to the RFP process. Diane stated that she has a staff member that is an expert in Survey Monkey if we would like to utilize her. She also stated that once it is completed she can put it out to the school district. Dan stated that it would be a good idea if one of the questions on the survey was regarding Trauma Informed Care.

## **Items for Action**

Approval of January 4, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

**\*\*\*We were unable to approve the minutes due to no Quorum\*\*\***