



MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

McLean County Health Department
200 West Front St., Bloomington, IL
Friday, April 1, 2022
Minutes

The virtual meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM.

1. Roll Call: Chair Cory Tello, Chief Rick Bleichner, Vanessa Granger-Belcher, Faye Freeman-Smith, Chief Cory Matheny

Absent: Gaby Bontea, Mary Campbell, Dan Deneen, Trisha Malott

McLean County Health Department Staff: Amy Hancock, Behavioral Health Program Manager; Shannon Garlock, Office Support Specialist II

2. Appearance by Members of the Public: None

3. Items for Action

A. Approve 12-09-21 MHAB Meeting Minutes

Motion Made By: Faye Freeman-Smith

Seconded Motion: Chief Rick Bleichner

4. Items for Information

A. Introduction of Vanessa Granger-Belcher, BHCC (Behavioral Health Coordinating Council) Director, as a new MHAB Member

- Vanessa shared her background and her passion for the community to be able to access services available.
- Vanessa shared future endeavors for the FUSE and Triage Center programs.
- Vanessa shared Tri West will be presenting on April 8th, 2022, at the BHCC Board meeting. Tri West will be sharing unique tools for measurement of metric and ways to evaluate crisis services.

B. McLean County's 2022 CHNA (Community Health Needs Assessment):

3 Community Health Priorities

- The members were provided with a handout on the 3 community health priorities: access to care, behavioral health, and healthy eating/active living

C. Draft of MCHD's New Strategic Plan

- The members had a brief discussion regarding the Strategic Plan

D. Mental Health Advisory Board: Summary of Brainstorming and Discussion

from December 9, 2021, Meeting

- The Board members discussed the need to promote healthcare and clinicians in the community.
- The Board members discussed the importance of coordination and collaboration.
- A discussion regarding the ROSC: Re-entry Council's concerns about when individuals are being released.
- The Board members discussed the need to support coordination between community agencies to help decrease health disparities. Vanessa shared BHCC could be a place to assist with this coordination.
- Vanessa shared RISE MC (Resilience Inspires and Spreads to Everyone McLean County) initiative is ready to share efforts of moving forward for the County Initiative at a future MHAB date.
- The Board members discussed that 988 will be a critical piece to the puzzle for the shift of systemic changes in the community.

E. Board of Health's Behavioral Health History of Funding from CY20-CY22

- The Board members discussed the funding process and possible renewal contracts for CY23.
- The Board members discussed the importance of continuing to place focus on renewal grants as the agencies being funded are critical to the community.

5. Items for Discussion

A. CY22 MHAB Goals

- The Board members discussed the role of MHAB during CY22 in providing advisement to the Board of Health regarding behavioral health items. The goal for this meeting was to have a discussion on adult psychiatry services within McLean County; mainly as pertains to individuals that do have minimal coverage insurance, public insurance, or no insurance

B. Adult Psychiatry Services in McLean County

- A discussion was held regarding the overall adult psychiatry program options for McLean County residents, as listed above
- Members discussed the staff shortages in local Adult Psychiatry Services and the impact of this shortage on client capacity and receiving new clients.
- Board members suggested telehealth, in addition to in-person services, be an option for consumers to help with cost and increase capacity
 - Board members discussed the need for restructuring Tele-Health services to be more user friendly and more access to technology for Tele-Health services.
 - Board members discussed promoting the building of a system to make telehealth work efficiently and possibly with an embedded structure within a program/agency.

C. Overall Observations of McLean County Behavioral Health Needs

- The Board members agreed upon the need for more homes and housing within the community.
- The Board members discussed the need for businesses to invest in staff to maintain staff and invest in the community for longevity.
- The Board members discussed the need for a formalized process for individual on waitlists to receive services, while waiting

6. Other Business

- Chief Rick Bleichner stated he will be retiring from law enforcement, and he will be resigning from the MHAB Board as well. He agreed to the necessity of law enforcement on the MHAB and there should be a person within his agency to replace him.

7. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting: Chief Rick Bleichner

Seconded motion: Vanessa Granger-Belcher

Meeting adjourned at: 10:33 AM

Approved