



Behavioral Health Policy and Funding Committee (BHPFC)

Friday, October 28, 2022

200 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 AM
 2. Roll Call
Present: Cory Tello, Hannah Eisner, Susan Schafer
Absent: Carla Pohl, Dr. Scott Hume
McLean County Health Department Staff Present: Amy Hancock, Behavioral Health Program Manager; Shannon Garlock, Office Support Staff II, Tasha Caudle, Behavioral Health Specialist
 3. Public Participation: None
Joan Hartman from McLean County Center for Human Services observed meeting
 4. Action Items
 - A. Approve 9/23/22 Minutes

Motion by: Cory Tello Seconded by: Susan Schafer
Cory Tello motioned to approve corrections to minutes
Motion carries.
 - B. Recommend CY23 funding of the McLean County Center for Human Services, Mobile Crisis Unit

Susan Schafer motioned to approve the original application amount of \$393,303.00 for the Mobile Crisis Unit

Motion by: Susan Schafer Seconded Hannah Eisner
- Discussion
- The BoH goal is to make good decisions regarding Behavioral Health concerns for the community.
 - There are many grant opportunities available in the community currently and an uncertainty of who is obtaining these funding opportunities. Lots of things are changing quickly, and we are unsure when these funding opportunities become available in the mental health arena. Board members want to make sure dollars are

being taken advantage of elsewhere, before MCHD funding are used. MCHD should be last resort of funding.

- There are changes for CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) and questions of who is billing whom. This will be a different relationship due to the certified clinic status.
- Chestnut has a grant for crisis services. Is there any funding provided for CY22 or CY23?
- Board members discussed how is it possible for a Board of Health (BoH) approved budget be incorrectly presented to the Health Committee to not include \$300,00.00 from the BoH Fund Balance.
 - The discussion led to Susan Schafer informing the board members the Health Committee did not receive a budget to include the additional \$300,000.00 from fund balance which was approved by the BoH. A budget amendment from the BoH would need to be submitted to the Health Committee to approve adding the additional \$300,000.00.
 - Hannah Eisner stated it is unclear how an approved BoH budget amount, including the additional \$300,000.00 from fund balance was not submitted to the Health Committee for budget approval. This will need to be further discussed at a later date, and a discussion of the necessary actions required to correct the budget for CY23. Hannah Eisner stated the complete BoH budget amount should be taken to the Health Committee to be approved, instead of making additional steps of budget adjustment. Budget revisions/adjustments create extra steps.
 - The BoH goal is to make good decisions regarding Behavioral Health concerns for the community.
 - Lots of things are changing quickly, and we are unsure when these funds become available. Dollars are being taken advantage of elsewhere, before McLean County Health Department (MCHD) dollars are used.
 - Board members discussed doing better in CY23 in collecting usable data from agencies to become more sustainable. Amy shared with board members of upcoming financial audits for grant funded agencies in CY23 by the BoH financial personnel. This will validate BoH money being used appropriately per contract agreement.
- Cory Tello asked if she could ask Joan Hartman from The McLean County Center of Human Services (MCCHS) a question, as the answer would have a substantial impact on the boards' funding decision. There was Board agreement to do so.
 - Cory Tello asked Joan Hartman if there was any additional potential funding streaming into MCCHS. Joan replied, not for fiscal or calendar year of 2022 or 2023. Joan stated there is no additional funding being provided for Psychiatric Services. Joan shared Chestnut is receiving funding for CBHHC paying for 2 case managers, 2 certified peer support responders (PSR), 1 data collection and uploading data personnel, 1 compliance coordinator, and for IT expenses. Joan stated the goal of CBHHC is to provide clients with options and, if shared clients at both agencies, the data collection and client files are shared effectively to provide the best services for these individuals. Joan continued to re-state that there has been no conversations of Mobile

Crisis or Psychiatric Services receiving any additional funding for CY22-CY23. Joan also stated if there was a concern about billing multiple different funding entities for the same client that it is fraud and MCCHS will not do that. MCCHS is open to being as transparent as the board would like them to be where the funding has come from and the amount of people receiving services for MCCHS.

- Board member asked Joan for her preceptive, 'How do you see a local property tax funded program best use funding?' Joan replied, "One of the things local money is needed for is for the day-to-day operational expenses to provide service is critical. It is critical services that needs to be sustained for the community, that is the key."

Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carries.

C. Recommend CY23 funding of the McLean County Center for Human Services, Adult Psychiatric Services

Cory Tello motioned to approve the original application amount of \$667,526.00 for Adult Psychiatric Services

Motion by: Cory Tello

Seconded Hannah Eisner

Discussion

- Board member questioned how do we meet the needs of individuals with mental illnesses in the shelters that are needing subscribers for medication? These are individuals coming to the shelters with mental health issues and are a few days of being out of meds and are needing refills on medications and they do not meet the criteria of adult psychiatric services while medicated, as they are functional. These individuals eventually run out of medication, have episodes, and end up in emergency room and this happens over and over again. If we fully fund this program is there a better way of providing better services to this population, as this is a key part to the mental health system. By not meeting these individuals needs we are putting a burden on the entire crisis system. We need to forge a better partnership to meet these community needs. The subscriber piece is key, to be proactive and preventive in other services being needed and improving upon the eligibility criteria would be helpful.
- Amy Hancock shared thoughts of adding into the contract, a required quarterly meeting the BH Program would host between Adult Psychiatric Services, Mobile Crisis, Safe Arbor and Home Sweet Home Ministries and Kevin McCall (BHCC) to improve communication and strengthen collaborative efforts to meet the needs and serve the community better by sharing information. Building collaborative relationships with community agencies to build a better framework of what the needs within the community and build on conversations of what a collaborative effort would look like.
- Susan Schafer stated she has definite data points for Mobile Crisis and Adult Psychiatric Services to be added into contracts.
- Board members shared the goal to have a relationship with clients is part of the BHCC and the Mental Health Action and the final Crisis Report for improvements for data collection and relationships between clients back and forth. This is a high priority of BHCC on an aggregated scale.

Cory Tello Motioned to add a cavate to the McLean County Center for Human Services, Adult Psychiatric Services an amendment to the contract for a quarterly expanded collaboration meeting to deepened partnership between MCCH, local shelters (such as: Salvation Army and Home Sweet Home Mission), BH Program, and Kevin McCall from BHCC, to review and improve services and to share concerns and build relationships between these entities. BH Program at MCHD would coordinate and host these quarterly meetings and take minutes during these meetings.

Vote taken. Susan Schafer declines motion. Vote is 2-1. Motion carries as Amended.

5. Discussion Items

A. Discussion of meeting unmet behavioral health needs in McLean County

- If we are operating with the amount of \$1,730,997.00 that the BoH approved, we would have \$64,571.00 remaining. We would need to have a later discussion for a mental health discussion for this money. This will need to wait until after the budget discussion is finalized. We need to be clear on how the Health Committee has an incorrect BoH approved budget amount. The budget amount needs to be changed into the budget book for this line item to reflect the amount approved by the BoH.
- Cory shared a recent incident from a shelter of an individual not being able to receive the services needed and the individual's caseworker was told to call 211 or go to the Emergency Room. Hopefully, these incidents will improve when the Triage Center is moved and opened at their new location.
- Amy shared the Triage Center only has 2 full-time staff members currently.
- Board members agreed individuals should not be told to go to the ER. Mobile Crisis should be Mobile Crisis. We should not be funding for individuals to be told to go to the ER.

6. Adjournment

Adjournment at 10:37 AM

Motion by Cory Tello to adjourn and seconded by Hannah Eisner

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:37 AM