

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department
3010 Grand Avenue
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 23, 2017

10:00 AM

Lake County Health Department

Mental Health Coalition

1. Roll Call

Co-Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. He welcomed everyone in attendance, and hoped everyone had a happy holiday and a very happy new year.

Present 17 – Co-Chair Lawlor, Co-Chair Garrett, Member Pierson, Member Curran, Member Maya, Member Harris, Member Vasseur, Member Sashko, Member Haney, Member Hart, Member Susie-Lattner, Member Tamasy, Member Ishaug, Member Martin, Member Jouppi, Member Bishop and Member Nerheim.

Absent 0

Others Present:

Felicia Gilg, College of Lake County, Student Nurse Club

Barry Burton, County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Cameron Davis, Assistant County Administrator

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Jennifer Price, Abbott House

Dr. Empe Guerra, Arden Shore

Jennie Vana, Communications Manager

Steve Carlson, County Board Member

Linda Weiss, Independence Center of Waukegan

Ted Testa, Private Practice Psychologist

Dan Weiss, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Stuart Pinkwater, Mental Health of America of the North Shore

Sam Johnson-Maurello, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Joe Tranchita, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Bruce Johnson, Nicasa

Brenda O'Connell, Lake County Community Development

Janelle Moravek, Youth & Family Counseling

Ashley Jones, Meridian Health Plan

Carina Delevega, College of Lake County, nursing student

Nelida Negron, College of Lake County, nursing student

Joan Koriath, Lake County resident

Jennifer Hair, Workforce Investment Board

Hugh Brady, NAMI Barrington Area

Benjamin Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Eric Foote, Lake County Community Development

Lisa Shelton, A Safe Place

Gail Weil, Community Youth Network

Theresa Buckman, Special Education District of Lake County

Deanna Lulofs, Special Education District of Lake County

Debbie Hege, Family Service of Lake County

Dawn Abernathy, Village of Mundelein Trustee

Ivy Fishman, Abbott House

Liz Smith, Abott House

*S. Papagedge, Head Start
Raymond Rose, Undersheriff
Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office*

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2. Approval Of Minutes

2.1 [17-0095](#)

Minutes from October 27, 2016.

Attachments: [MHC Minutes 10.27.16 Final](#)

Member Nerheim, Member Bishop and Member Sashko were late.

approval of minutes

Aye: 14 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Tamasy, Ishaug, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Pierson, Vasseur, Maya and Curran

Not Present: 3 - Sashko, Nerheim and Bishop

3. Co-Chair's Remarks

Co-Chair Lawlor noted to the members about persons over the holidays that struggled with mental health issues and praised the Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention Team trained officers responding and successfully helping on many service calls on persons with mental health challenges and the continued good work of the Lake County Opioid Initiative. He described the Point in Time count exercise that will be conducted, where the results predicate future federal funding for combatting homelessness. He and Member Hart will be volunteering again to survey and offer shelter to unsheltered homeless in Lake County. He suggested discussing the homelessness count at the next meeting.

4. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

5. Old Business

There was no old business to conduct.

6. New Business

6.1 [16-1225](#)

Introductions and Welcome

Co-Chair Lawlor introduced the newest member of the Lake County Mental Health Coalition, Dr. Dora Maya and provided all the members in attendance with the opportunity to introduce themselves. He advised Member Bishop was delayed and would be attending upon completion of her court call and other members would be arriving late.

Fast Five Minute Recap

This item was not discussed.

1. Website: www.lakecountyil.gov/mentalhealthcoalition

A. McEwan demonstrated the Lake County Mental Health Coalition website. She encouraged all to visit the website, learn about future meetings, review the past presentations, resources, and subscribe to the site to receive automatic email updates and a reminder of the next meeting.

6.2 [16-1226](#)

Organization Discussion

Co-Chair Lawlor discussed the proposed Charter, based on the State Mental Health Strategic Plan, and suggested it could make a clear statement of what the Coalition is and what is not, what the focus will be, and the need for two way communication with existing services and committee.

A. McEwan recapped the last meeting discussion about the Charter, and suggested the Charter can be approved at a later meeting to include subsequent proposed revisions. There was general discussion by the members on additional content and revisions. Co-Chair Lawlor suggested continuing the discussion to next month's meeting to permit time for the member to review the Charter and encouraged the members to email any questions about the Charter.

- Facilitator/Consultant Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline
 1. RFP issued December 15, 2016

A. McEwan advised the RFP was issued in December for a consultant with expertise in the two initiatives, and in helping us understand Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) patient privacy laws to appropriately proceed. She reported the RFP responses are due back January 26, 2017. The process includes responses evaluated on conformance on requirements and development of a short list.

6.3 [16-1227](#)

Presentation on LIVE WELL LAKE COUNTY

There was general discussion on the data points available and the current limitations such as coding for co-morbidity of the data. A. McEwan reported one concept for the Coalition that this website presentation highlights today is that we have a lot of data, however correlating that data with what to do is what we are missing, because it's not at a granular enough level to further analyze. She added we have data, but sometimes it's not the data we need to help us with the next step of action.

In addition, M. Pfister reported working with the hospitals to provide a list of the Health Department's 50,000 patients and from Admission Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) data technology would provide an alert to the Health Department that their patient was prescribed at the Emergency Department or Hospital. Their goal with improving care coordination and reductions in costs is to use ADT data, as well as aggregate data to help patients. In addition, he reported the COCHS data included who has been booked in the jail and the Health Department is working on matching individuals from the jail data with the Health Department's electronic health record.

6.4 [16-1229](#)

Member Comments and Questions

Co-Chair Lawlor advised the presentation highlighted the need for segmenting and correlating the data to move the ball forward. Co-Chair Lawlor acknowledged the public audience present and able to share information and recognized the College of Lake County Nursing students. He also recognized Hugh Brady, Barrington NAMI, Mundelein Trustee Dawn Abernathy, Bruce Johnson, Nicasa, the Chair of the Lake County Health and Community Services Committee, Steve Carlson, Janelle Moravak, Youth and Family Services, Undersheriff Ray Rose and the Sheriff's Office leading efforts around mental health, other organizations represented, Abbott House, SEDOL, A Safe Place, Community Youth Network, Independence Center of Waukegan, and he introduced Members Bishop and Nerheim who had arrived after the earlier member introductions.

Member Hart requested the COCHS report be shared with the committee. Co-Chair Garrett requested that future discussions on data also include its level of collection data consistency in the State and Nation. Co-Chair Lawlor added as we look at best practices around the country we should cast a wide net, learn from other opportunities that could be scaled up or down.

A. McEwan provided a preview of the next meeting focusing on Lake County Hospitals, where the hospitals will talk in more depth about their services.

7. Public Comment.

Heidi Fishman, Abbott Health questioned potential missing data on people sent to Cook County for services. M. Pfister clarified the most of the Lake County residents are included in the datahub because the hospitalization data is connected to the residence zip code.

Joan Koriath, Lake County resident questioned data from private practitioners. M. Pfister reported they do not have private providers' data unless they connect to a HIE.

Joan Koriath followed up with a comment on the need for collection of school data of adolescents. Co-Chair Lawlor agreed and acknowledged that her valuable perspective touched on the whole purpose of this Coalition, we need to find a way for a partnership and corresponding data sharing agreement to understand and tell the person's whole story.

Hugh Brady, NAMI, commented on his experience that there is a subset of people who have serious mental illness and do not engage in the system at all, and suggested the Committee might seek information about Assertive Community Treatment models that seek out persons who do not engage in the systems.

Nelida Negron, nursing student inquired if there will be a community education action plan. A. McEwan reported part of the consultant RFP was a request for how to develop and broadcast the education message across all the constituencies. Co-Chair Lawlor described the Committees current fact finding stage, which will move aggressively because people want to act and solve problems. He advised that as the Coalition moves forward it will go beyond 18 months and hopefully is a permanent entity in Lake County.

Felicia Gilg, nursing student shared that the nursing students are interested in being involved as hands on volunteers for future Coalition efforts.

Janelle Moravek commended the Committees effort to break down barriers with data and encouraged the Coalition to recognize the community level services provided in Lake County, the work of the Behavioral Health Action Teams, and advised that some areas are out of their scope. She encouraged the Coalition to consider, such as rate reforms because rates are below the cost of services which impacts access to care. Co-Chair Lawlor acknowledged some of the Coalition work could include regulatory policies and controls and the Coalition will need to prioritize its efforts to reach the maximum impact for constituents and be feasible in this legislative environment.

M. Pfister shared that the State of Illinois issued a RFP for the State to have one credentialing system for all providers to eliminate the need to send persons to multiple managed care organizations.

8. Next Meetings and Focus:

February 16, 2017: Lake County Hospitals

March 20, 2017: Treatment and Support Services

April 17, 2017: Housing and Homelessness

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9. Adjournment

Meeting minutes prepared by Donna Jo Maki.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chair

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