

Lake County Illinois

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

Thursday, October 27, 2016

10:00 AM

The Grand Room (Room 1114)

Lake County Health Department

Mental Health Coalition

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present 2 - Lawlor and Garrett

Others Present:

Christen Bishop, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Kathy Pierson, Lake County United

Jennifer Harris, Lake County Residential Development Corporation

Ernest Vasseur, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County

Timothy Sashko, Lake County Board of Health

Rich Haney, College of Lake County

Sandra Hart, Lake County Board, District 13

Debra Susie-Lattner, Advocate Condell Medical Center

Raymond Rose, Lake County Undersheriff

Susan Shimon, Thresholds

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Margaret Dillon, Residential Development Corp.

Mark Pfister, Health Department

Adam Carson, Health Department

Sam Johnson-Maurello, Health Department

Bruce Johnson, Nicasa

Cameron Davis, Assistant County Administrator

Benjamin Gilbertson, County Administrator's Office

Adli Issakoo, Assistant to the County Administrator

Audrey Nixon, County Board Chairman of Law and Judicial

Linda Pedersen, County Board Member

Steve Carlson, County Board Member

Dora Maya, Mental Health Collaborative

Jody Gingiss, Community Development

Dr. Empe Guerra, Arden Shore

Dr. Dora Maya, Arden Shore

Robert Payton, Arden Shore

Elvis Munoz, Advocate Condell Medical Center

Jeanne Ang, Advocate Condell Medical Center

Keeley Gallagher, Advocate Good Shepard Hospital

Joshua Horeled, Senator Althoff's Office

Angela Baran, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County

Carmen Patlan, A Safe Place

Jennie Vana, Communications Manager

Jeff Carlstone, Multimedia Specialist

Lisa Hancock, Multimedia Coordinator

Donna Jo Maki, County Administrator's Office

1.1 [16-1060](#)

Introductions and Welcome

- Role of the Mental Health Coalition

Co-Chair Lawlor thanked everyone in attendance and welcomed them to the introductory meeting. He also expressed appreciation to former IL. Senator, Susan Garrett for agreeing to Co-Chair this committee. Co-Chair Garrett stated she was honored in being a part of the Mental Health Coalition and provided a brief background on her past work serving in the Illinois General Assembly.

All the members in attendance were provided the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their priorities for the Mental Health Coalition.

Co-Chair Lawlor advised the role of the Mental Health Coalition is not to duplicate the great work already done with mental health, but to coordinate it, provide political leadership and technical expertise necessary to deliver the dollars and data.

2. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

3. New Business

3.1 [16-1061](#)

Discussion on Mental Health Coalition Organization

Co-Chair Lawlor reported on the organizational structure of the coalition to work holistically with mental health, education, workforce, law enforcement, criminal justice partners and others to leverage existing data and address system gaps through better alignment. He referenced the State of Illinois Mental Health Strategic plan as a starting point for the Coalition efforts.

A. McEwan suggested two opportunities for the Coalition to achieve community level change, first, how to, in a lawful and appropriate way, collect and share existing data; and second, to message that mental health is just as important as physical health and mental, emotional and behavioral illness is treatable and preventable.

Co-Chair Garrett suggested that treatment service organizations report on how they service the mental health population and suggest what is needed to do it better. She requested suggestions for additional participants to this comprehensive approach. Co-Chair Lawlor agreed and reported that members in the audience would be engaged in sub-committee work for the Coalition. Member Vasseur suggested a representative from the Regional Board of Education to report on their work with mental health in the public schools. Member Sashko suggested a representative of Veterans and Family Services Foundation. Co-Chair Lawlor inquired if there was need for a representative for adolescents or parents of adolescents on the Coalition.

Co-Chair Lawlor reported that the NAMI representative, Barbara Martin of Vista Health, and State's Attorney Michael Nerheim were unable to attend today's meeting.

Member Vasseur reported that mental health is the single largest area that the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County funds with 12 organizations working on mental health, such as Nicasa, Arden Shore, Community Youth Network, Youth and

Family Services, and PADS. Co-Chair Garrett suggested organizations could present as a group on the needs in Lake County.

Member Hart suggested inviting existing committees to share and present on their efforts. She also inquired about Alexian Brothers as a member or to present on their program. J. Gingiss reported that Alexian Brothers provides 16 treatment beds in Lake County.

Co-Chair Lawlor advised a 3 to 6 months outline of future topics would be developed and distributed that would be sequential and build on each other for a better understanding of data-sharing in the community.

Member Hart requested a subject matter expert present on overcoming data sharing hurdles.

R. Rose suggested a dialogue on Service Point used as the method for sharing data and consider potential legislative changes.

Co-Chair Lawlor invited all to provide suggestions for goals, breaking down the nimbyism, build capacity to provide appropriate care and stable housing. He made the pledge that supportive housing for mental health could be in his backyard.

This item was discussed.

3.2 [16-1066](#)

Discussion on Existing Lake County Studies

A. Carson and S. Johnson-Maurello provided a presentation on existing Lake County Health services with the 2011 formation of Live Well Lake County and the community partners to have a sustained conversation around health issues in Lake County. A. Carson reported on their work of integration of mental health services with their primary care services and having a broader conversation on the social determinants of health and the impact on the individuals and the mental health population.

S. Johnson Maurello described the Lake County Health/Community Health Center evidence based practice using Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Teams for persons with the most severe mental illness. Currently, there are two ACT teams serving a total of 120 persons. Member Vasseur inquired on the unmet need for ACT services. S. Johnson-Maurello indicated at least two more ACT teams could operate in Lake County with a target population being super-utilizers.

Discussion ensued on identifying the individuals to refer to an ACT team, the unlimited length of stay in the program, authorization for treatment issue with the Department of Mental Health, contracted to the Mental Health Collaborative, cross-over with Specialty Courts, and the unknown costs of the super-utilizers.

Member Hart requested more information to understand how to obtain the system costs of mental health/jail super utilizers.

A. Carson reported on an exercise with AETNA Health to review claims data with findings that about 50 individuals in AETNA's plan totaled \$1.5 million dollars in costs.

Member Vasseur suggested a goal for the Coalition could be to find the most effective and cost effective programs for prevention of future crisis.

Co-Chair Lawlor agreed there is a need for systemic data sharing for systemic change and to reach beyond our own organizations and budgets.

A. Carson provided an overview of the community work that has been done to date, including the needs assessment and strategic action plan to address the social determinants of health. He indicated tele-psychiatry, use of nurse practitioners, co-location of services, and expansion of mental health first aid training was included in the 13 strategies. He reported on the Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County funding the Community Oriented Correctional Health Services accessing the current capacity for crisis center, mobile response, Crisis Intervention Team training, and to support the larger conversation on data sharing.

A. McEwan reported since 2006 she has worked with Commissioner Audrey Nixon on mental health issues, and shared highlights of the Camden Hot Spotting program, challenges with absence of data, and benefits once they achieved data-sharing. She reported Camden is a small community, with a population of 77,000 with 40% living below the poverty line. Camden worked for 12 years developing data-sharing agreements and collecting data, justice data was only available for the last 5 years. In examining their data, they determined that 13% of persons with hospital visits had an arrest within 12 months. Camden identified 205 dual system high-utilizers, used hot spotting of their residences, created a coalition to identify and provide them with necessary services. Camden used the data to identify the problems, barriers and challenges of their community, determine the costs spent and examine shifting expenditures for better outcomes.

A. McEwan advised the intent to show the Camden program was to share that we do not exactly know all the challenges of our population, and how do we work to find out and target our initiatives to reach persons sooner so they may not need the most extensive and expensive ACT services.

This item was discussed.

3.3 [16-1069](#)

Discussion on Potential Priorities

Co-chair Lawlor requested member suggestions to be provided to himself, Member Garrett or A. McEwan by Monday, October 31, 2016, so the membership can go on the next County Board agenda.

Co-chair Lawlor challenged the membership to let him know if the Coalition is duplicating efforts, or working on unnecessary steps, so they are focusing on maximizing their outcomes and increasing alignments of different services. Next steps include sharing

materials and confirming future meeting dates.

This item was discussed.

3.4 [16-1070](#)

Member Comments and Questions

Co-Chair Lawlor expressed appreciation to all the advocates in the audience and invited them to introduce themselves. Multiple county board members and agency representatives introduced themselves.

3.5 [16-1071](#)

Conclusion

Co-Chair Garrett recognized all the Lake County community organizations for their great work and suggested in the next steps they could identify all the non-profit organizations and their services that could help the Coalition. Co-Chair Lawlor concluded the meeting in advising he and Co-Chair Garrett, A. McEwan and DJM are always available to answer any questions.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Donna Jo Maki.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chair

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