

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Health Department
3010 Grand Avenue
Waukegan, Illinois 60085*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, July 17, 2017

10:00 AM

Lake County Health Department

Mental Health Coalition

1. Call to Order

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

Present 9 - Lawlor, Garrett, Tamasy, Pierson, Vasseur, Maya, Nerheim, Bishop and Peterson Hall

Absent 9 - Hart, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Sashko, Ishaug, Harris, Haney, Jouppi and Curran

Others Present:

Amy McEwan, Deputy County Administrator

Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center Emperatriz Guerra,

Empe Guerra, Arden Shore

Linda Weiss, Independence Center

Bruce Johnson, Nicasa Behavioral Health Services

Andrew Tanken, Veterans Assistance Commission

David Hare, Lake County Sheriff's Office

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

Susan Shimon, Thresholds

Jon Ashworth, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Kathy Wager, IDES

David Allen, Alexian Brothers at the Harbor

Loretta Dorn, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Susan Resko, The Josselyn Center

Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development

Lourdes Shanjani, Mano A Mano

Sandy Schultz, One Hope United

Janelle Moraveke, Youth & Family Services

Joe Tranchita, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Eric Foote, Lake County Community Development

S. Kennedy, CAPOIC (Headstart)

Blair Kerr, North Highland

Suzanne Rabideau, North Highland

Dan Montgomery, North Highland

Choo Lee, North Highland

Adam Smith, North Highland

2. Approval Of Minutes

This item was moved after 4.1.

3. Chair's Remarks

Co-Chair Lawlor encouraged monitoring pending legislation that could possible impact the Coalition's mental health work, potentially removing 6,000 persons from the Medicaid rolls, a twelve percent cut to the Center for Disease Control, which could impact the Health Department and Winchester House.

4. Old Business**4.1 North Highland Status Update**

This item was moved after item 4.2.

4.2 Charter Discussion and possible approval

The North Highland consultant, Suzanne Rabideau reviewed the Coalition's draft Charter and provided recommendations for its revision.

A motion was made by Member Vasseur, second by Member Tamasy that the Charter be approved. Motion carried.

Present 10 - Lawlor, Garrett, Tamasy, Jouppe, Pierson, Vasseur, Maya, Nerheim, Bishop and Peterson Hall

Absent 8 - Hart, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Sashko, Ishaug, Harris, Haney and Curran

4.1 North Highland Status Update

The consultants led an exercise requesting an individual discussion with a person sitting nearby on the benefits of data-sharing and each member reported their individual discussion with the whole membership and the audience. Reported benefits included: sharing data across law enforcement agencies with emergency rooms, to seek grant funding, to understand the totality of gaps in services, reveal ways to collaborate better, gather standardized comparative data that benefits different types of organizations, identify and address the challenges in data collection, and collaboration to provide better services.

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Minutes from June 12, 2017.

Approval Of Minutes

A motion was made by Member Amaya, seconded by Member Bishop that these Minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Present 10 - Lawlor, Garrett, Tamasy, Jouppe, Pierson, Vasseur, Maya, Nerheim, Bishop and Peterson Hall

Absent 8 - Hart, Martin, Susie-Lattner, Sashko, Ishaug, Harris, Haney and Curran

4.1 North Highland Status Update (CONTINUED)

The North Highland consultants, Susanne Rabideau and Blair Kerr provided a high-level update on their Lake County environmental scan of the current state assessment on data sharing and perceived barriers. The consultants highlighted the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and barriers at the system, partnership, organization, and participant levels for Healthcare, Justice and Community organizations. They reported the only Lake County system-wide sharing of data occurring is with Service Point.

North Highland advised they will be reporting on potential legislative changes, other community's initiatives, and possible future state solutions at the August Coalition meeting.

Member Vasseur requested clarification on the use of terminology for mental health and

behavioral health sectors. B. Johnson, Nicasa, Behavioral Health Services reported that individual organizations have different data sharing capabilities.

Co-Chair Lawlor encouraged the members to contact him and Co-Chair Garrett with any ideas or concerns on whether the Coalition is on track and how it can move forward on sharing data.

Co-Chair Garrett commended North Highland efforts to meet with the stakeholders and suggested a four-phased approach to move forward, because of competing needs, by communicating the specific needs of community organizations, justice organizations, healthcare organizations and housing systems. Member Vasseur added that it was important to loop these findings back to the sectors to clear up historical misconceptions in data sharing.

Co-Chair Lawlor agreed and suggested a memorandum of understanding would help set mutual expectations and clear up any confusion. Member Tamasy commended the homeless coalition data sharing efforts and commented that they are driven by their funding requirements. M. Pfister requested North Highland provide identified data sharing needs with recommended solutions. Member Hall agreed that they should define what information is needed for data sharing.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6 Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

J. Ashworth, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center commented that the strength, weaknesses, opportunities and barriers analysis was valuable, and that a memorandum of understanding could bridge the common ground, mutual benefits, related to social outcome measures and some of the data could contribute to a larger macro strategic benefit which isn't determined by identical individual needs. A. McEwan advised part of the Coalition analysis is getting context that there might be some very small changes made that might impact a very large population and there might be opportunities found that have a bigger effort but be focused on a small population, such as high utilizers. Figuring out those priorities as a community is part of the Coalition strategy objective. Co-Chair Lawlor agreed and added the Coalition wants to achieve systemic change on data sharing to keep non-violent persons with mental health issues out of our jail and fosters a healthcare culture in Lake County that encourages people with mental health challenges to have a medical home and not to unnecessarily utilize the emergency room.

A question was received on access to the North Highland presentation. A. McEwan advised all meeting presentations are posted on the Mental Health Coalition website, this presentation will be posted on the Mental Health Coalition website after today's meeting, and that this presentation has a report behind it that will be completed in a month and will be posted as soon as it is available on the Mental Health Coalition website.

Janelle Moraveke, Youth & Family Services expressed appreciation for North Highland's willingness to engage the community service providers.

7. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

9 Next meeting: August 21, 2017

Meeting minutes prepared by Donna Jo Maki.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chair

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