

Lake County Illinois

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, December 11, 2017

10:00 AM

Lake County Health Department

Mental Health Coalition

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Lawlor called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Present 13 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Sashko, Tamasy, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Pierson, Vasseur, Nerheim, Curran and Bishop

Absent 5 - Martin, Susie-Lattner, Ishaug, Maya and Peterson Hall

Others Present:

Steve Carlson, Lake County Board, District 7

Carol Calabresa, Lake County Board, District 15

Mark Pfister, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Deb Taber, NorthShore Hospital

Joel Williams, PADS

Joe Tranchita, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Dorothy Papachristos, CD2C

Angela Baran, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake County

Susan Shimon, Thresholds

Jodi Gingiss, Lake County Community Development

Loretta Dorn, Lake County Health Department/Community Health Center

Linda Weiss, Independence Center of Waukegan

Blair Kerr, North Highland

Suzanne Rabideau, North Highland

Barry Burton, Lake County Administrator

Amy McEwan, Lake County Administrator's Office

Jennie Vana, Lake County Communications

Paul Featherstone, Lake County Administrator's Office

Dakisha Wesley, Lake County Administrator's Office

2. Approval Of Minutes**2.1 [17-1368](#)**

Minutes from October 9, 2017.

A motion was made to approve the October 9, 2017 minutes.

Aye: 12 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Sashko, Tamasy, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Pierson, Vasseur, Nerheim and Curran

Absent: 6 - Martin, Susie-Lattner, Ishaug, Maya, Bishop and Peterson Hall

2.2 [17-1305](#)

Minutes from November 13, 2017.

A motion was made to approve the October 9, 2017 minutes.

Aye: 12 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Sashko, Tamasy, Harris, Haney, Jouppi, Pierson, Vasseur, Nerheim and Curran

Absent: 6 - Martin, Susie-Lattner, Ishaug, Maya, Bishop and Peterson Hall

3. Chair's Remarks

Co-Chair Lawlor reported on the honor of participating and speaking on a sharing better data panel in the Cities Thrive Initiative last week in New York City with the New York Mayor and First Lady. He advised that over 200 persons attended representing 60 cities and 30 states.

Co-Chair Garrett added it was important that Co-Chair Lawlor was asked to be a speaker and asked if any of the communities already have mental health program in place and are looking at data sharing outcomes.

4. Old Business

There was no old Business.

5. New Business**6. Discussion on Mental Health Coalition consideration of executive summary and report including vision, findings, recommendations, and go-first strategies.**

Co-Chair Lawlor introduced Deputy County Administrator, Amy McEwan and Suzanne Rabideau, North Highland to discuss the data sharing vision, go-first strategies, and recommendations for the Lake County Mental Health Coalition. A. McEwan reported the large report helps the Coalition be transparent as it describes the activities over the past year. The executive summary will frame the Coalition, the long-term vision, the recommendations, and the go-first strategies that can be implemented now and progress tracked.

Members were provided a few minutes to review the previously distributed executive summary of the report. S. Rabideau advised the Findings are North Highland's observations of Lake County, recommendations are directional going forward, vision, summarized recommendations with incorporated go-first strategies.

There was a lengthy discussion by the Coalition members on the recommendations and go-first strategies.

A motion was made to accept and place on file the executive summary, the report, direction for staff to bring back at the next meeting an implementation plan on the three go-first strategies discussed today, and actions on target populations in 2018.

Aye: 12 - Hart, Lawlor, Garrett, Sashko, Tamasy, Harris, Haney, Jouppe, Pierson, Vasseur, Curran and Bishop

Absent: 5 - Martin, Susie-Lattner, Ishaug, Maya and Peterson Hall

Not Present: 1 - Nerheim

7. Public Comments (items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

8. Member Comments and Questions

Member Hart requested the current mental health initiatives and funding list be available to the public. A. McEwan agreed and advised the list is ongoing and requested the Coalition members help keep the list up to date.

Member Pierson commented on the need to build to the right size of needed services by using data, and inquired when to you use the data.

A. McEwan advised a governance model will be needed to collect data better and understand trends, with developed policy procedures and regulations on the use of the data to be a good steward of data.

D. Tabor reported NorthShore Hospital 's data showed 50% of its patients that present at the emergency room are discharged with mental health needs. Many could receive services instead at a crisis center, the question is how do you educate police to triage this population to crisis prevention.

Member Hart clarified that a crisis center is one of her goals for jail diversion.

Member Vasseur suggested starting with the community based mental health providers since their infrastructure of data sharing is already in place, they are the willing, and they are receiving the diverted people.

Member Bishop reported on the new bail bond statute in Illinois.

Member Harris inquired if the next step is forming working groups or task forces for three recommendations. There was a discussion by the Coalition members on alternative next steps.

Member Curran reported that a percentage of incarcerated person are suicidal, and they respond almost weekly to suicide attempts.

Member Nerheim left at 11:52 a.m.

Co-Chair Lawlor recognized Coalition members are passionate to act even before they have the data, and while there will be the implementation plan, there will also be opportunities to act now, he reported on his interest in youth psychiatric services, he is working on a listening tour with gay straight alliance groups on youth struggling with coming out, Mark Pfister is assisting with providing quantitative data, and he is talking with Center on Halsted about opening the first Lake County suburban satellite office for this type of need.

Member Harris motioned and Member Vasseur seconded a motion to accept and place

on file the executive summary, the report, direction for staff to bring back at the next meeting an implementation plan on the three go-first strategies discussed today, and actions on target populations in 2018.

9. Staff Reports

10. Next meeting: January 22, 2018

A. McEwan advised that January 22, 2018 is the next scheduled meeting and the plan is to present an implementation plan with a 2018 calendar for the Coalition members and task forces.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned 12:07 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by Donna Jo Maki.

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chair

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