

## **Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)**

**February 18, 2016**

**Call to Order.** Chair Flanagan called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:03 P.M. in Rooms N1-N2, Fifth Floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Kate Flanagan, Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Tricia King, Linda Scott-Hoag, Cpt. Craig Strouse (alt. for Cmdr. Erik Chellevoid), Sheila DeForest, Pastor Mike Jackson, Dr. Ken Robbins, Tim Perry, Neil Deupree, Ian Hedges, Samantha Palan, Lance Horozewski, Lindsay Stevens, Tami Lalor, Verlene Orr, and Emily Pelz.

**Committee Members Absent:** Laura Neece, Judge R. Alan Bates, Deputy Chief John Olsen, Brian Gies, and Michelle Rose-Barajas.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Greg Winkler, HSD Outpatient Services; Amanda Lake, HSD Supervisor; Melissa Meboe, HSD Program Manager, Crisis Services; Amy Albert, HSD Social Worker; Curtis Macek, HSD Psych Tech; and Jen Cummings, HSD Therapist.

**Others Present:** Supervisor Lou Peer; Ethel Below; Lynda Owens; Melanie Swanson, Compass Behavioral Health; Crusita Barrios, YWCA; and Colleen Wisch, and Betty Conklin, NAMI-Rock County.

**Approval of the Agenda.** Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Ms. Scott-Hoag. ADOPTED.

**Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2016.** Mr. Horozewski moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Deupree. ADOPTED.

### **Workgroup Updates, including Review of Strategic Plan Outcomes:**

**Data Workgroup:** Chair Flanagan reminded the BHRSC this group has merged with the EBDM Behavioral Health Information Workgroup and is working on how to best share behavioral health information between criminal justice partners and behavioral health professionals. She said they are taking a two pronged approach: (1) a legislative approach and (2) determine what we can do better at the local level without a law change.

**AODA Steering Committee:** Ms. Lake said this group met this week and went over the Smart Goals previously identified for this group. She said two school districts in Rock County are using the eSBIRT. She said the HSD walk-in clinic is getting people in quickly to assess their need for treatment services. Ms. Lake further highlighted the three heroin town hall meetings held last year and the increase in the number of dually licensed therapists in the Human Services Department.

**CCRG:** Ms. Meboe said this group has not met since the last BHRSC. She said they have had difficulty in capturing voluntary admission data. She says the group continues to work on lowering the wait times for law enforcement at hospitals. Ms. Meboe said they are looking to bring in some TED talks for customer service purposes and introduced the new Crisis Stabilization Supervisor, Jen Cummings, who will assume that role in March.

Cultural Competency: Mr. Deupree said this group meets next week and they are looking at baseline data with regard to who are the consumers and the providers. He said they look forward to tying in this groups efforts with what the county decides to do as result of the racial justice conference in November.

Kids Continuum of Care: Mr. Horozewski handed out a document with accomplishments in 2015 and went over it with the group.

Adult Continuum of Care: Mr. Winkler said this group hasn't met but there is progress with HSD intake unit. He said this operates 35 hours a week.

Consumer/Family: Chair Flanagan said they had a "recruitment" meeting in January and are looking to expand. She said they are about ready to implement peer specialists and a working on becoming a non-profit entity.

Chair Flanagan asked the groups to let her know if any of the goals they are working on are no longer relevant.

**Discussion about and Possible Support for Heroin/Opiate Recommendations to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.** Chair Flanagan went over an informational/recommendation handout. It was recommended that the goal be put on that document. Chair Flanagan said the goal was to reduce the negative impact of heroin in the community and it will be added to the document before it goes to CJCC.

Mr. Deupree made a motion to accept the recommendations with the amendment to add the goal statement to the document and to take it to the CJCC. Second by Pastor Jackson. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CIT Update and Success Stories.** Chair Flanagan said there is another CIT training scheduled for the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> for Rock County law enforcement. NAMI Rock County will be working closely with NAMI Waukesha to hopefully be able to conduct trainings in the future. There is also an opportunity for law enforcement officers to attend a train the trainer course later in the spring. She added that the Beloit School District has money to train Beloit officers in CIT and the CIT Youth program.

Ms. Meboe added that there are monthly meetings with CIT liaison officers and Crisis staff to overcome barriers.

**Update on Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant Activities.** Ms. Albert said this program has served 70 clients, 48 have been connected to insurance, 15 clients have been assessed with housing, 2 clients were assisted in enrolling in school, 3 clients were helped to gain employment, and several clients were assisted in applying for and going through the SSI/Disability process. Ms. Albert added that currently there are 57 inmates in the jail waiting for an additional screen, 8 have release dates, 8 are in RECAP, 41 are awaiting a disposition status, and she has 14 clients she is working with in the community. She said they are tracking recidivism data, but she did not have that information with her.

**Success Stories/Positive Outcomes Related to Strategic Plan Goals.** This will be deferred until the next meeting.

**Citizen Participation and Announcements.** Mr. Hedges announced the Women's Fund Mental Health Celebration on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5pm. He previously sent an email to the BHRSC with this information.

Mr. Deupree said the League of Women Voters is hosting the second of three public forums on mental health on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the First Lutheran Church. He also announced that the Courageous Conversations group will be meeting on Monday and listening to youth at 5:30 at Community Action in Beloit.

It was requested that BHRSC members email any resource guides they use to Ms. Pohlman McQuillen.

**Future Meeting Date and Time.** Thursday, March 17, 2016, at Noon, in N1-N2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse East.

**Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst

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## Rock County Heroin Epidemic Recommendations to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

### Background:

For several years Rock County citizens and criminal justice and behavioral health stakeholders have identified the growing problem with heroin addiction in Rock County. In July of 2014, the Wisconsin State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) published a report providing analysis and recommendations for reducing heroin abuse in Wisconsin. The report identifies five “pillars” of intervention: 1. Prevention 2. Harm Reduction 3. Law Enforcement 4. Treatment 5. Workplace. The report provides specific recommendations for communities to take steps for strategic change in each of the five areas. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee and the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee have maintained a desire to take strategic action in Rock County to address the Heroin Epidemic.

### Key Actions to date:

- The Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee formed an AODA Steering Committee which has been focused on improving access to quality substance abuse services across Rock County.
- Prevention Coalitions have joined the work of the AODA Steering Committee to organize prevention efforts in line with best practices and the SCAODA report recommendations.
- Rock County Human Services Department (RCHSD) requested and received additional funding in the 2015 and 2016 budgets to increase access to treatment for those without an ability to pay.
- Janesville Police Department has committed an officer to do street level engagement with individuals experiencing addiction and link them with treatment and supports.
- RCHSD created new position to provide collaboration with law enforcement and others and deliver community based support and stabilization for individuals considering or waiting for treatment services.
- Prevention stakeholders held several Town Hall Meetings discussing the impact of Heroin in our communities.
- RCHSD has introduced Medication Assisted Treatment into its service array for treatment court consumers.
- RCHSD allocated funding for a 2016 contract with Janesville Mobilizing for Change to form and Lead a County Wide “Heroin Task Force”.

### Recommendations to the CJCC:

1. The BHRSC recommends that the CJCC provide representation on the Heroin Task Force and actively engage in the efforts of the Task Force to create and implement a strategic plan for Rock County’s efforts to combat Heroin.
2. The BHRSC recommends that the CJCC endorse the WI SCAODA Heroin report as a key guiding document in the formulation of a local strategic plan to combat Heroin in Rock County.
3. The BHRSC recommends that the CJCC take concrete steps to review the recommendations in the Law Enforcement Pillar of the WI SCAODA report and, through that process, identify priorities for law enforcement action steps that will inform a local strategic plan.

## Recommendations to the BHRSC:

1. The BHRSC provide representation on the Heroin Task Force and actively engage in the efforts of the Task Force to create and implement a strategic plan for Rock County's efforts to combat Heroin.
2. The BHRSC endorses the WI SCAODA Heroin report as a key guiding document in the formulation of a local strategic plan to combat Heroin in Rock County.
3. The BHRSC recommends that the AODA Steering Committee continue to review the recommendations in the Treatment and Prevention Pillars of the WI SCAODA report and, through that process, identify priorities for action steps that will inform a local strategic plan.