

Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee (BHRSC)
September 20, 2012

Call to Order. Chair Deupree called the meeting of the Behavioral Health Redesign Steering Committee to order at 12:00 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center, second floor, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Chair Neil Deupree, Kate Flanagan, Denny Luster, Greg Ammon, Supervisor Billy Bob Grahn, Sheila Deforest, Marko Pease, Tom Gubbin, Faith Mattison, Judge James Daley (at 12:15 p.m.), Deputy Chief John Olsen, Tim Perry, Erik Chellevold, Linda Scott-Hoag, Lance Horozewski, Kristi Hayden (alt. for Brenda Clark), Brian Gies, and, Julie Lenzendorf.

Committee Members Absent: Laura Binkley and Dannie Evans.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst.

Others Present: Kelley Everson, Beloit School District and Supervisor Steve Howland.

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Grahn moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Gubbin. ADOPTED.

Approval of the Minutes of August 16, 2012. Dr. Pease moved approval of the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Gubbin. ADOPTED.

Update on Office of Justice Assistance CJCC Grant. Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the RFQ process, to hire a consultant to work with the BHRSC on systems mapping, strategic planning, and implementation processes, had begun. Chair Deupree said he and Ms. Flanagan would talk with some people on the BHRSC about becoming evaluators for any proposals received out of the RFQ process.

Discussion Regarding Police Waiting Time in Emergency Rooms. Chair Deupree put this on the agenda after a discussion on this topic at the last CJCC meeting. He asked Deputy Chief Olsen and Ms. Flanagan to begin the discussion.

Deputy Chief Olsen explained what happens when a person is in crisis from the perspective of law enforcement. He said often the law enforcement officers are with someone during the entire time, which can be many hours, and they don't have the manpower to spend extended time on these cases. He said the hospitals and Crisis are not set up to provide security and law enforcement stays due to safety concerns. Ms. DeForest asked if a CRO do this. Deputy Chief Olsen said they are not really set up for that and hospital security cannot go hands-on with an individual. Supervisor Grahn asked if there is a particular shift these cases are affecting. Deputy Chief Olsen said they are affecting all shifts.

Ms. Flanagan said there was an incident that took nineteen hours recently. Janesville PD hosted a meeting, including the Sheriff's Office, Beloit PD, and Human Services. They met and tried to figure out how to help, acknowledging this is a problem all across the state. She noted other problems during a crisis situation including intoxication. Ms. Flanagan said Crisis does not have the

authority to tell law enforcement when to go or stay. She said the next step is to determine if there is a way for law enforcement to get involved later in the process. She also said in other counties some hospitals provide greater security. Ms. Flanagan said the next step is to include local hospitals in these discussions. Chief Moore will be calling a meeting with police, hospitals, and Human Services.

Judge Daley said liability is always a concern for all entities. Mr. Luster asked if hospitals can use chemical restraint or beef-up security. Mr. Ammon said all use of restraints is a liability and a credentialing issue. Dr. Pease said if a psych patient is restrained, they must be watched continually.

Judge Daley asked if there is a model mental health law nationwide and if so how does it differ than Wisconsin. He said if there needs to be a change in the law, the legislature needs to change it. Ms. Scott-Hoag said the mental health crisis issue faces every county across the state, but some hospitals respond differently. She said hospitals in Madison and Milwaukee have different levels of security that deal with this. Mr. Ammon said hospitals may be willing to respond in the short-term, but the county and the state need to solve the problem.

Chair Deupree asked about bringing something to the legislature. Ms. Flanagan said Representative Sandy Pasch has been working on this and introduced a bill to make Wisconsin's system more like Illinois, taking law enforcement out of the commitment process. She said there are other entities lobbying around the issue such as the Wisconsin Hospitals Association and the Wisconsin Counties Association. She said she would bring more information about what's going on to the next meeting. She added that they are also working on additional placements for those that are suicidal and intoxicated.

Supervisor Grahn asked what the cost of alcohol abuse in Rock County is. He said everyone is affected by alcohol but there is no money for treatment. Ms. DeForest said she has some national data. Mr. Gies said a lot of what was being discussed affects him. As a consumer in the system he is glad to see people working toward positive solutions for the future.

Discussion Regarding Co-Occurring Capability and Welcoming in the Rock County Behavioral Health System. Ms. DeForest said there was no way the group could adequately discuss this in the five minutes left for this meeting. Chair Deupree agreed and said it would be placed on next month's agenda.

Work on System Mapping. Not addressed at the meeting.

Citizen Participation and Announcements. None.

Time and Date for Future Meetings. Thursday, October 18, 2012, at Noon, in Room N1-N2, Fifth Floor, Courthouse East.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

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