

NWIACC Advisory Board meeting

October 9, 2017 1 pm O'Brien County Courthouse Assembly Room

The meeting was called to order at 1 pm with 6 members present in person and no one on the phone.

There was discussion about the Senate File 504 Community Services Plan for each region to provide assistance for persons with complex needs as well as address cash reserves and equalizing levies within regions. We completed 3 public meetings for input. The Plan is due to the Department of Human Services October 16, 2017.

Kim Scorza gave us an update on the current development for Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), citing a lengthy delay in state credentialing that is affecting implementation of the program. She also shared information about the Mobile Crisis Response Service and the resources at Seasons being utilized to work with these services.

Kim Wilson gave an update on employment. Ron Askland states the one of their staff at Horizons is taking the certification exam to be a benefits planner. Teresa Magnussen from Pride Group gave an update on the status of residential care facility placement funding and census. Nancy Ketcham gave an update on Elderbridge and Kasey Fear gave an update on Compass Pointe activities.

We talked about the contract being developed for our Region's Peer Support Network. We also talked about the upcoming Stepping Up Initiative Summit to be held in Des Moines and the implications that has to a state-wide approach to jail diversion. We talked about the upcoming Jail Release Care Coordination contract that is being developed to assist inmates.

We discussed issues affecting workforce shortage as well as challenges of working with the co-occurring disorders population, suicide awareness through the Zero Suicide Pilot Project in Palo Alto County and C-3 De-escalation training being developed in our Region.

We discussed availability for MH First Aid class across the region by Carolyn Salberg (Hope Haven) and Darrin Adams/Miranda DePuyper (Public Safety and Adult).

There were no concerns expressed about regional operations in enrollment, claims processing, quality improvement or administration.

The next quarterly meeting will be held Monday, January 8, 2018 at 1 pm at the O'Brien County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Wilson LMSW

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