

MHCC Advisory Board Minutes

March 11, 2020 12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Arnold Remington, Scott Etherton, Tim Kennett, Christa Yoakum, Phil Tegeler, Cathy Rauch, Nancy Field

ABSENT: Gail Anderson, Terri Burchess

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Haeffner

Advance public notice of the Advisory Board Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, Crisis Center web site on March 9, 2020. The meeting was opened at 12:05p.m. with the Chair noting the posted location of the Open Meetings Act. Two new members, Cathy Rauch and Nancy Field, introduced themselves and are a welcome addition to this board. Call for approval of February minutes with roll call vote: 5 yes and 2 abstain. Minutes of February approved as written. Additions to March agenda as follows: National Institute of Health (NIH).

Mental Health Crisis Center (MHCC) Building Updates: Locks ~ After final replacement of hardware and testing it appears that some issues remain. As such, Accurate Controls will be contacted to review the programming.

Sound System ~ The install and wiring of speakers has been completed. Thank you to the Mental Health Foundation (MHF) for providing the funding for this project. This provides music as well as sound masking 'noise' for HIPAA compliance. The future goal of implementing sound into the comfort room and room 17 is on deck.

Seclusion Room Locks & Repairs ~ Recently a client caused damage to the seclusion room by tearing up a seam in the padded material in addition to breaking through the locked door to a bathroom on the other side. The room material has been repaired, however, there has been no good anti-ligature solution for the locks between rooms. A solution remains sought after.

Electronic Health Record/Credible: Credible Conference ~ This event scheduled for later this month in Maryland has been cancelled, however, there will be a series of webinars of the most popular topics.

In-House Training ~ Supervisors are working out a plan for one-to-one training of full-time staff based upon trends revealed after review of job performance, error reports, and discussion with the individual. The finer details are still under consideration.

Forms ~ Two new forms are under construction in the Credible electronic health records system. One is to be used for community transfer events and the other will be for incident reporting. The latter will provide an avenue for easier and more effective extraction of detailed information.

Miscellaneous: Jail Screenings ~ TASC has started the screening process for the jail as of 2/24/2020. Reports indicate a lower number of screenings than previously anticipated, however, it is early in the process.

COVID-19/POD Information ~ The Crisis Center is taking guidance from the CDC and Lancaster City/County Health Department regarding COVID-19 as we establish a more in-depth health and safety screening process for staff and clients, a plan of action based on result of screenings will be implemented, and we will continue to enhance our personal protective equipment and supplies

for staff and clients. Newly purchased 'no-touch' thermometers have been incorporated. The safety plan will include immediate staff/client training.

Staffing ~ Currently there are on-call openings and interviews will be planned.

Medical Care at Hospitals for Clients ~ Review of scenarios needs to happen in order to flush out expected protocol when a Crisis Center client needs medical care but perhaps is resistant to the idea.

Nebraska Institute of Health ~ Public Policy Center is putting in for a grant to gather information about how individuals' behavior/actions related to threats of violence in the community. They are looking for language commonality that could trigger future targeted training. If awarded, more review will be needed before our agency's level of participation is determined. This would be a three-year grant.

The Next Meeting will be TENTATIVELY, May13, 2020. A determination will be made in late April of how the meeting will be conducted. Thank you and be well.