

PRESENT: Scott Etherton, Don Scheinost, Terri Burchess, Christa Yoakum

OTHER PRESENT: Debra Haeffner

ABSENT: Nancy Field, Phil Tegeler, Timothy Lopez, Gail Anderson, Arnold Remington, Kevin Karmazin

Advance public notice of the Advisory Board Meeting was posted: 555 S. 10th building public bulletin board, Lincoln Journal Star, lancaster.ne.gov (s) Crisis Center web page on or before January 6, 2023. The meeting was opened at 12:08 p.m. Chair noted the location of Open Meetings Act.

Minutes: Motion by Burchess, second by Etherton for approval. Roll call and vote to approve minutes of the November 2022 meeting as written - Etherton, Yoakum, Scheinost, Burchess voted yes. Vote 4-0 to approve.

Agenda: Request for additions or changes – added 2.b. Attendance and 7.f. Systems Update

Public Comment: None.

Advisory Board Business: By-Laws are still under review at the County Attorney's office. The group discussed the attendance of current board members. After review Scheinost made a motion, second by Yoakum to send correspondence to member(s) who are out of sync with the attendance expectations. Voting yes were Etherton, Yoakum, Scheinost, Burchess. Vote 4-0 to send a letter requesting update of interest level for continued participation.

MHCC Building Updates: Consultation with floor/paint company regarding seclusion rooms, in the last month some repairs have been made in the major areas and so far those are holding up better. The Unit rubber floor still needs attention. In consultation with maintenance there are cleaning units that could be available however, this equipment is costly. Non-functioning showers were replaced with new panels as the pneumatic system originally installed has been reconfigured making replacement parts for the mechanism more difficult to get.

Electronic Medical Records/Qualifacts: Information upload to the CDS should be improving as Credible says they have fixed any issues from their side of the process. MHCC staff continue to develop new and modify existing reports per request of Region V for data to meet their needs. The option to enlist Credible to assist with development of more complicated reports remains available.

Staffing Updates: RN Staffing ~ One interview conducted last week for the open nursing position, however, candidate withdrew from the offer. The FTE RN stays open and advertised. Recruitment of a Psychologist ~ The County Board has approved a different recruiting agency and Human Resource's newly hired position of Talent Acquisition will also be involved. The position is also advertised on Link'dIn and advertising will remain on that platform as well until the position is filled.

Financial: The current contract term expires April 1st and needs further review as the structure of the contract has changed which effects the price structure as well. Purchasing has a copy of the contract to review. Mid-Year budget is coming due. Once the December financials are in the Business Manager and Etherton will be putting it together for review.

Miscellaneous: COVID-19 Update ~ All protocols continue as they have been.

State Electronic Billing System ~ Billing system has not yet changed but the future holds the promise of a more evolved process.

UNL Memorandum of Understanding ~ A Public Policy Center grant to study threat assessment awarded to UNL and will be on the County Board's agenda for next week. The possibility of this type of data collection could have a positive impact on the Crisis Center and the benefits of the additional measures will be considered.

Medicaid/Medicare for LICSW ~ The process of applying and waiting for approval of reimbursement for these services is lengthy. A few questions regarding these services have been added to the Perceptions of Care client survey.

All Staff Training Event ~ The first one since COVID is being held on January 13th! This agenda was available for review at the meeting. Hi-lights are: staff will present a topic of importance/interest from the perspective of each of their areas and their role as a team within those areas. A "True Colors" personality assessment is scheduled which should be a fun and informative presentation for continued team building. Tim Dolberg, previously the mental health outreach specialist with Lincoln Police Department will be presenting at the event as well.

Systems Update ~ Discussion of the current state of stagnation within the LRC. The Crisis Center currently has eight individuals who are waiting for a placement, thus, crippling the availability of beds within this 16 bed facility.

With no further business or discussion, Burchess motions to adjourn and Yoakum seconds. The meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm. by a roll call vote of 4 ayes (Etherton, Scheinost, Burchess, Yoakum).

Next Meeting: February 8th, 2023 @ Noon, 825 J Street.