

PRESENT: Scott Etherton, Timothy Lopez, Phil Tegeler, Don Scheinost, Kevin Karmazin, Arnold Remington, Christa Yoakum

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Haeffner, Doug Headlee, Candace Berens

ABSENT: Nancy Field, Terri Burchess, Gail Anderson

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 February 6, 2023. The meeting was opened at 12:03 p.m. Chair noted the location of Open Meetings Act.

Minutes: Etherton called for approval. Roll call and vote to approve minutes of the January 2023 meeting as written - Etherton, Lopez, Tegeler, Scheinost, Karmazin, Remington, Yoakum voted yes. Vote 7-0 to approve.

Agenda: Request for additions or changes – added 7.d. Announcements

Advisory Board Business: Candace Berens with the County Attorney's office observed the process today and will be assisting with update of the By-Laws. Officer Doug Headlee attended as a guest today to introduce himself as the newly hired mental health liaison. Also of note, Melissa Ripley has been picked for the new LPD position of homeless liaison.

Board Membership ~ Reviewed e-mail response from Nancy Field. She wrote that she would like to continue, however, attending meetings is hindered by her employment. Field brings value to the table with her extensive background in mental health and history of involvement with the former Lincoln Lancaster Mental Health Foundation. Motion by Tegeler, second by Etherton, to have Field remain as a community liaison, maintain contact with the Board but remove as member in name. Etherton, Lopez, Tegeler, Scheinost, Karmazin, Remington, Yoakum voted yes. Motion carried 7-0.

MHCC Building Updates: Nothing new to report.

Electronic Medical Records/Qualifacts: Credible Upload to CDS ~The information appears to be transferring appropriately up to the state portal. All admits since the issue started will need to be reviewed and verified before the upload problem will be considered resolved.

New Contract ~ Qualifacts/Credible contract expires 4/1/2023. A conference call needs to be scheduled to discuss the contract with the new vender (Qualifacts). Consultation will take place with other community partners to find out how they view the new vender's contract offerings.

Staffing Updates: RN Staffing ~ Some interviews were conducted but did not result in a hiring. Recruitment of a Psychologist ~ Two candidates have been interviewed and the review process continues.

Financial: Mid-Year Budget ~ Met with the County Board. MHCC is under our 50% budget for the first six months. Some fluctuations in revenues but overall the budget is on target. The reimbursement from Region V for the substance use evaluations will be redistributed to other service areas.

Miscellaneous: COVID-19 Update ~ The County Board has said that when the CDC dial is at 'low' the mask mandate for the Jail, Crisis Center, and Youth Services could be lifted. However, the directors of

any of those facilities may choose to continue the mandate at their discretion. The Crisis Center mandate remains in effect as of this writing.

LRC Waitlist/Bed Allocation ~ LB921 passed last year to mandate the state's management of bed use at the state hospital. As a result, the state created a dashboard to demonstrate how they are managing the bed allocation and wait list. Etherton reviewed the information on the website with the group.

Staff Training ~ BETA training is scheduled for next week. This will be a four-day event.

Announcements ~ Patrick Kreifels has been hired as the new director of Region V. Region V has called for a RFP (request for proposal) for a Voluntary Crisis Response Center (VCRC). Announcement of dates for bidders meeting and final deadlines were noted. Further information can be found through the Region.

With no further business or discussion, Tegeler motions to adjourn and Karmazin seconds. The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm. by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Etherton, Lopez, Tegeler, Scheinost, Karmazin, Remington, Yoakum).

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