

MHCC Advisory Board Minutes

April 14, 2021 12:00pm

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

VIA AUDIO CONFERENCE: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Haeffner

ABSENT: Nancy Field, Gail Anderson, Terri Burchess

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 April 9, 2021.

The meeting was opened at 12:03 p.m. Chair noted the posted location of Open Meetings Act.

Call for approval of March minutes – Tegeler motion to approve, Etherton second and the roll call vote was 5 ayes to approve (Yoakum, Tegeler, Kennett, Etherton, Remington). April 2021 minutes approved as written.

Additions to April Agenda: None

Mental Health Crisis Center Building Updates: Locks ~ This arduous task has been progressing and is almost complete but for the need of parts which are on order. We expect the items to be available within the next few weeks and the contractor(s) will be scheduled accordingly. Interested bidders reviewed the exhaust fan installation for Room 17 and Property Management is awaiting those proposals, will award, and then proceed. Efforts will be made to have both these projects scheduled with the least disruption to the Unit.

Electronic Medical Record/Credible: All things have been going well, no downtime for quite some time. Other stakeholders report the same. Credible has availed some remote training to its partners and we will continue to take advantage of these offerings.

Audit 2020: Region V audit has been completed and all additional information was submitted as requested. The final report was positive with no recommendations.

Staffing: Fulltime RN has been hired, is in the final stage of training, and should be ready to go independently on the Unit in about a week. The Business Manager position advertised has now closed and a list of candidates is expected to be provided shortly from Human Resources. The past 1 ½ months that the position has been vacant, other staff/departments have been assisting with filling in the gaps. The full-time Mental Health Technician vacancy is now closed and applications were received last week. A second listing of candidates may be requested. The position for On-Call RNs is being advertised continuously as it is proving more difficult to find individuals who are able to take on part-time/On-Call status.

Miscellaneous: COVID-19 Update ~ MHCC is continuing business with all precautions in place. There have been no new positive cases among staff or clients. The building remains closed to outside visitors. The Crisis Center will maintain the current protocol for video conferencing via Zoom and the video systems will remain in place.

Oracle/TCP ~ The payroll system has been in place for about six months and the processes are becoming smoother as staff are acclimating with time. Tegeler exited the meeting at 12:41.

Budget: The department budget is due April 16th. The majority of the process is completed in the OpenGov.com software program. As we continue to advance some changes to the budget are anticipated.

CARF: The Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities is the accrediting body of the Crisis Center. MHCC's accreditation expires October 31, 2021. Efforts are underway now to update policy and procedures in accordance with the newest CARF standards. The application is due the end of the month.

General information shared by the Director regarding the increase of admissions from the Jail of those inmates who are waiting for a placement at Lincoln Regional Center for court ordered competency restoration and how that is effecting our resources within for the segment of Crisis Center clients who are higher risk and need the seclusion areas and direct one-to-one staffing.

With no further discussion, motion to adjourn made by Remington, second by Etherthon. Roll call vote unanimous with 5 ayes (Kennett, Rauch, Yoakum, Remington, Etherthon). Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 12, 2021.