

PRESENT: Scott Etherton, Tim Dolberg, Gail Anderson, Terri Burchess, Christa Yoakum, Arnold Remington, Don Scheinost, Phil Tegeler (arrived 12:17pm)

OTHER PRESENT: Debra Haeffner

ABSENT: Nancy Field

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 May 9, 2022. The meeting was opened at 12:02 p.m. Chair noted the location of Open Meetings Act at side of the conference room. Motion by Etherton, second by Anderson to approve the April 2022 Minutes. Roll call vote -- 7 ayes (Etherton, Dolberg, Remington, Anderson, Burchess, Yoakum, Scheinost); 0 nays. Motion carried with approval of the minutes as written.

Advisory Board Membership: Nominations were reviewed, and ballots were passed and marked. This topic was tabled until later in the meeting.

MHCC Building Updates: General Unit Housekeeping ~ This conversation had begun with the head of building and maintenance, however, that individual has since left his post causing a delay to discuss. Overall, there are some areas of general repair that are being addressed, i.e., bathroom fixtures in need of repair such as a staff toilet on administrative side and bathroom sink on the unit side of building. Also, the high acuity rooms need some attention regarding the locks, everything is functional but there is some cracking on the magnets.

Battle of the Bugs ~ Every year ants are present in the building. The unit is a difficult location, and we attempt to keep client spaces clean. It requires constant cleanup and monitoring to keep clean. Extra steps have been taken, and an account Coordinator with Orkin stopped by last week and will be working to address any outstanding concerns.

Phil Tegeler joined the meeting at 12:17p.m. and was provided with the nominee information and ballot sheets to vote.

Advisory Board Membership Cont.: Votes were tallied. Burchess motioned for both parties to be contacted and Yoakum seconded. Roll call vote of 8 ayes (Etherton, Remington, Scheinost, Dolberg, Tegeler, Anderson, Burchess, Yoakum). Motion carried. The two individuals will now be contacted by Etherton who will give an overview of the MHCC Advisory Board functions, expectations, and provide an opportunity to ask questions. At this juncture, those with continued interest to serve on the Board will have their name and information forwarded to the County Board for the final approval of membership. The update of the By-Laws remains in the hands of the County Attorney.

Electronic Medical Records/Qualifacts: The Technical Advisory Board (Etherton represents Nebraska) is just getting re-established for protocols and then will move forward.

Staffing Updates: County Board has given approval for a funding-neutral FTE RN. Once this position is filled and fully trained there will be an adjustment of schedules for the nursing staff. The review of overlap in schedules, a current cost analysis, and nursing industry standards are driving the change.

Mental Health Technician FTE ~ Position was hired and is currently training. One more FTE MHT is needed to complete the staffing numbers.

Psychologist Recruitment Update ~ On-going. HR has been asked to review comparable salaries as we have been unable to recruit with current range.

City/County Human Resources Department ~ Barb McIntyre has been hired as the new department head of Human Resources.

Miscellaneous: Clinician Programming ~The newly hired clinician has been orienting to the Unit and participating in basic unit/agency functions. A schedule of groups is being developed with a goal of 42 hours of programming in a week.

Budget Review ~ Review of power point presentation that was prepared for the MHCC budget hearing with the County Board. Personnel costs account for most of the increase in next FY's budget. Other expenses are less impactful as we are still in a relatively new building, thus, expenditures of updating furnishings are minimal currently.

COVID-19 Update - More recently we have had a few full-time and on-call staff test positive. All quarantine recommendations by the CDC were followed without further incident. No change in protocols, however, staff are encouraged to be more diligent in reminding clients to wear their provided face covering.

Crisis Center Anniversary - The MHCC had reached a milestone of 32 years since opening its doors! To mark this important event staff gatherings were held, and Director Etherton gave the State of the Crisis Center address along with reviews of HIPAA, Office 365 Teams, and proper documentation (refresher). Further training sessions will be taking place for CPR and CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) for Advanced Holds. The in-house CPI instructor recently attended a \$4K "Train the Trainer" program in order to certify for the advanced course and will be conducting those trainings for all direct-care staff.

Dolberg, Lincoln Police mental health community liaison, was requested to elaborate on the mental health training for LPD. He shared information regarding the Heartland Crisis Intervention Training he attended this last Winter. Officer Dolberg recommended to increase training hours from 8 to 12 for new recruits in efforts to enhance the police department's dealing with all populations from young to old. This position has been a great addition and is demonstrating good results in continuity of care and shows that having a central contact is beneficial in identifying trends, addressing frequent/high contact individuals, and faster response times for crisis/mental health interventions.

Etherton announced The Bridge will no longer be doing the Civil Protective Custody holds but will continue their voluntary detoxification and all other substance use treatment programs. Further discussion to take place with Region V as this will impact the system in multiple ways.

With no further business or discussion, Remington motions to adjourn and Anderson seconds. Roll call vote of 8 ayes (Etherton, Scheinost, Dolberg, Tegeler, Burchess, Anderson, Yoakum, Remington). Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2022 – Noon at 825 J Street