

MHCC Advisory Board Minutes

May 13, 2020 12:00pm

VIRTUAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Arnold Remington, Scott Etherton, Tim Kennett, Christa Yoakum, Phil Tegeler, Cathy Rauch, Terri Burchess
VIA AUDIO CONFERENCE: Gail Anderson,
OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Haeffner
ABSENT: Nancy Field

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 May 8, 2020. The meeting was opened at 12:08 p.m. with the Chair noting the posted location of the Open Meetings Act. Call for approval of March minutes – Tegeler motion to approve, Burchess second and the roll call vote was 8 ayes to approve March minutes as written. Additions to May agenda as follows: Mental Health Foundation information via Nancy Field.

Mental Health Crisis Center (MHCC) Building Updates: Final lock programming continues to be addressed. The quest for the anti-ligature locks for between the seclusion rooms remains, however, installation of a lighted switch that clearly indicates when the bathroom locks are engaged is working well.

Electronic Health Record/Credible: Records Migration ~ MHCC is working with Records Information & Management to scan the paper files for import into our Credible system. The 10-Year Records Retention Schedule is being processed at this time also.

Miscellaneous: Jail Screenings ~ TASC Director, Remington, reports the screenings are going well and have averaged 8 – 10 calls per month. This is less than the original projected number of calls for screenings. Remington also reported that “100% of the calls – with the exception of one, being the State Patrol, have been from LPD.” Kennett with the Lincoln Police Department reports no complaints.

Current Fiscal Year Statistics ~ Etherton reviewed the numbers of admissions by county, by month, by age, etc. and talked about what could be trending as we wrap up this year.

COVID-19 Standards of Care at MHCC ~ Surgical and cloth masks are being provided for all clients and they are being asked to wear it when out on the Unit. Hand washing is also being encouraged. Face covers for staff are always required on the Unit and are being provided. Policies and procedures have been updated and implemented. The Crisis Center has received limited number of KN95 masks. Etherton is working towards an agreement with the Health Department to sanitize the masks so they may be worn up to ten times before having to discard. Staff that are higher risk individuals have been working remotely. The psychiatrist and psychologist are using a secured video conferencing system to see clients. The Mental Health Board hearings are being conducted in a similar manner in order to adhere to safety recommendations. In addition, the clients have access to be seen by outside professionals with

secured ZOOM conferences. The Crisis Center is screening clients and staff for any COVID 19 symptoms daily, e.g., upon admission and daily thereafter; prior to and at shift's end, respectively. There are no non-essential entities being allowed entry into the MHCC at this time and these restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

Staffing ~ MHCC is hiring for on-call mental health technicians and interviews via ZOOM are in progress. Currently there are two full-time employees out on workman's comp. Alternate work assignments are being explored to meet their needs.

Medical Care at Hospitals for Clients ~ No occurrences since last noted.

Mental Health Foundation (MHF) ~ The Foundation is a participant in the Give to Lincoln Day 2020. You can find more information at this link <https://www.lcf.org/impacting-community/strategic-initiatives/give-to-lincoln-day>

The Next Meeting will be set TENTATIVELY for June 10, 2020. This will likely again be a video/audio conference. Thank you and be well.