

**PRESENT:** Scott Etherton, Arnold Remington, Terri Burchess, Phil Tegeler, Gail Anderson, Kevin Karmazin, Christa Yoakum

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Debra Haeffner, Doug Headlee, Ben Kopsa, Lauren Behnk

**ABSENT:** Timothy Lopez, Don Scheinost

*Advance public notice of the Advisory Board Meeting was posted: 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> building public bulletin board, Lincoln Journal Star, lancaster.ne.gov ('s) Crisis Center web page on or before July 12, 2023. The meeting opened at 12:06 p.m. Chair noted the location of Open Meetings Act.*

**Minutes:** Etherton called for approval of minutes with roll call and introductions. Roll call vote to approve minutes of the June 2023 meeting as written - Etherton, Burchess, Remington, Tegeler, Anderson, Karmazin, Yoakum voted yes 7-0 to approve. Introduction of others present today were Doug Headlee, LPD liaison officer for mental health outreach, Ben Kopsa, LPD Captain of Southwest Team and Lauren Behnk, LPD intern.

**Agenda:** Request for additions or changes – None initially, but later added 6.c. Resignation

**Public Comment:** None.

**Advisory Board Business:** Remington made a nomination of Vanessa Emlich for membership to the Board. He presented a short bio of Ms. Emlich's qualifications, and her membership would be representative as a provider of health care. After discussion, Board members agreed to the nomination and for her to proceed with the application. Term of 3 years.

**MHCC Building Updates:** There has been no response for bid requests and head of maintenance will follow-up to get this moving forward. The fire panel has had random alarms beeping for some time – mostly during the nighttime. After determination of ground fault issue new wires were pulled into the area. A follow-up with night staff will be made to determine if this has been a continued problem or remedied with the new wiring.

**Electronic Medical Records/Qualifacts:** New Contract ~ As noted previously – Approved. Two weeks after the billing invoice was received some changes had been requested. The Business Intelligence module is in the process of being upgraded for reports. Once complete this will need to be house-tested for available functionality. Qualifacts/Credible will be holding its annual conference virtually this Fall. As we will again be requesting two logins this year and reserving early for the reduced rate.

**Staffing Updates:** One FTE position for an RN and one On-Call RN position remain open. No applications have been received to date. MHCC recently hired two FTE Mental Health Technicians. One individual had been an on-call and has filled the position and the second is currently shadowing. Interviews for On-Call MHTs are taking place with a plan for training to begin mid-August and full onboarding to begin early October. The weekend supervisor is currently being advertised as Greta Gregory has turned in her resignation effective July 23<sup>rd</sup>. MHCC will pursue a contractual agreement to continue her providing CPI training to the agency.

**Financial:** No end of year appropriations to report. Etherton shared information about a Workforce Development Grant available for hiring and retention that came from DHHS NE, through Region V. A memorandum of understanding was signed on Monday with plan submitted for the one-year grant.

**Miscellaneous:** Security System Upgrade ~ Follow-up with Accurate Controls is on Etherton's to-do list. System "Full" Meetings ~ No meeting since last report.

**Update on RFP for the Voluntary Crisis Response Center ~ The Bridge rescinded their application to move forward without ARPA funding from Lancaster County. Status of RFP to be determined by Region V.**

**Statistics ~ Review of [handout](#) provided. Remington exited the meeting at 12:50pm.**

**With no further business or discussion, Tegeler motions to adjourn and Yoakum seconds. The meeting adjourned at 12:57pm. by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Etherton, Karmazin, Yoakum, Tegeler, Burchess, Anderson).**

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2023 @ Noon, 825 J Street.**

**NOTE: August meeting is CANCELLED**