

PRESENT: Scott Etherton, Phil Tegeler, Don Scheinost, Gail Anderson, Kevin Karmazin, Timothy Lopez

OTHER PRESENT: Debra Haeffner, Sasha Reeks, Susan Enlow

ABSENT: Nancy Field, Christa Yoakum, Terri Burchess, Arnold Remington

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 July 11, 2022. The meeting was opened at 12:03 p.m. Chair noted the location of Open Meetings Act.

Minutes: Motion by Tegeler, second by Karmazin to approve the June 2022 Minutes of the MHCC Advisory Board held on June 8, 2022. Roll call vote Etherton, Scheinost, Lopez, Karmazin voted yes, Tegeler abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda: Request for additions or changes. Etherton announced additional items 5.d. Eleanor Creative; 6.g. '988'; 6.h. Medicaid Rates; and 1.a. Acknowledgement of public guests and request for comment.

Public Comment: Those wishing to speak on items relating to MHCC business not on the agenda may do so at this time. Reeks spoke as an advocate for positive change. A copy of the transcript is available upon request. Reeks and Enlow excused themselves from the meeting circa 12:23pm.

Anderson joined the meeting at 12:15pm.

Advisory Board Membership: By-Laws are still under review with County Attorney's Office. LPD will determine an applicant for representation on the Board in line with the By-Laws.

MHCC Building Updates: General Unit Housekeeping ~ The PBC has hired someone as head of Building and Maintenance. Do not know if or when they have begun employment. A new strategy will be to cross-train other janitors to cover the 825 building more effectively during the absence of Derek. Once the assignments are firm, these housekeeping staff will be provided with information about some basic mental health safety practices. Interconnet attempted to replace the magnetic BR locks but will return with the equipment another day, but prior to July 27th as per warranty. Side Bar ~ The ants are under better control, however, there has been an occurrence of several other bugs that are being given extra attention.

Electronic Medical Records/Qualifacts: The new form to document the social worker services has been up and running. Training will begin for regular staff to use the service. The focus will shift to development of reports to query statistics necessary for Region V.

Staffing Updates: RN Staffing ~ One FTE RN is still open with no applicants being received to date. On-Call RNs are continually advertised at this time. Mental Health Technician FTE ~ Two positions are now open for evening shift as another full-time resigned recently. HR reports 20 new applicants and once those are received, MHCC will try to fill both openings for FTE MHT off that list. Brief discussion of the possible barriers to filling these positions boiled down to the turnaround time in receiving the approved applications – various reasons were acknowledged. The On-Call technician positions are still open continuously. Psychologist Recruitment Update ~ No recruits currently. Etherton motioned to move into an executive session at this time. All present approved and executive session entered into at 12:35pm and completed at 12:45pm. Eleanor Creative ~ This marketing company has scheduled a photo shoot for July 27th and will be putting together a promo for advertising employment availability on various media. Staff are volunteering and excited!

Miscellaneous: Clinician Services Underway ~ Jennifer Jennings, licensed social worker, was invited to the meeting at this time to introduce herself and give an overview of the new programming. There have been a couple groups already underway and continued observation and assessment of what will be beneficial for such a variety of people. The Clinician has to be ready to switch gears on any given day or hour, based on the ongoing assessment of needs, levels of interest, and willingness of participants. It is a fluid therapeutic environment. Jenny is also thinking about how this service might look in the future and best practices to incorporate peer supports. Feedback from the clients at this point has been positive.

COVID-19 Update ~ Protocols have not changed. Any future changes will mirror the recommendations of the CDC and our local health department.

Medication Assistance Outreach Program ~ Program is in the infant stage and as more details of the process are decided upon the information will be made available.

Campaign Against Hunger ~ The Lincoln Food Bank promotion is currently in full swing. There are a couple of events planned for staff to help raise money for the food bank. A donation box is set up in the staff HUB area for actual food donations and the Coordinator at MHCC has requested a virtual grocery store link to “shop” on-line or donate money via the website. That address is <https://www.fooddriveonline.org/lincolnfoodbank/mentalhealthcrisiscenter> . **Feel free to hop on the website and donate today. The campaign runs through July 28th.**

The Bridge contract ended June 30, 2022, and this prompted the purchase of a new breathalyzer for screening upon admission to the Crisis Center. Review of Admission Policy and Procedure was updated also.

Race & Equity Training ~ The County Board is moving forward with this valuable training program and ask that one staff from each department be assigned to attend these ‘train the trainer’ events.

‘988’ ~ The new emergency hotline will be put into action on July 16, 2022. The call line will be staffed out of BoysTown. TASC emergency outreach team and Centerpointe are referral sources when follow-up beyond the phone call is needed. This has been a long time in the planning. Read more about it here.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/988.aspx>

Medicaid Rates ~ The new reimbursement rates are in and have been increased by 17%.

With no further business or discussion, Tegeler motions to adjourn and Karmazin seconds. Roll call vote of 6 ayes (Etherton, Anderson, Tegeler, Scheinost, Lopez, Karmazin). Meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.

Next Meeting: AUGUST meeting is CANCELLED. The Board will reconvene on September 14, 2022, at 12 Noon, 825 J Street.