

**NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM
HUMAN SERVICES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

May 13, 2014 3:00 p.m.

NCHC – Wausau Campus

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| X | John Robinson | X | Lee Shipway | EXC | Nancy Bergstrom |
| X | Linda Haney | X | Joanne Kelly | EXC | Holly Matucheski |
| EXC | Laura Yarie | X | Scott Parks | | |

Also Present: Gary Bezucha, Brenda Glodowski, Toni Simonson, Becky Schultz, Deb Hager, Gretchen Brown, Paula Hawkins, Dakota Kaiser, Judy Burrows

The meeting was called to order at 3:05p.m., roll call was noted and a quorum declared.

Guest Dakota Kaiser was introduced. He is a PhD Psychology student who is working with the Prescription Medication grant, working with prescribers on prescribing practices.

Consent Agenda

- **Motion** Kelly, 2nd Haney, to approve the consent agenda, which includes the minutes of the 3/5/14 and 3/17/14 meetings and the financial reports. Motion carried.

Human Services Report

- Residential Services – Long term employee Jo Poeske, who was the Residential Services Director, retired May 2nd. Her position was transitioned to Toni Kellner, who also oversees Prevocational Services and Adult Day Services.
- Youth Crisis Services have been very busy lately. A few months ago we had staffing problems, but it is now fully staffed and the crisis bed is used often, averaging about 53 a month. Complexity is increasing; age is decreasing. The biggest factor in the increased census is the availability. It is now being used for planned admissions and for crisis.
- There are no trends in suicides in Marathon County thus far this year. None have been clients served by NCHC.

Early Intervention Services

- Early intervention is a priority issue with United Way and the LIFE Report. Issues are being seen in earlier ages. Early Years Coalition and other interested groups are looking at areas to pursue, looking at other communities and their efforts in this area.
- Staff describe homes and family life of children with problems. Children may miss the requirements with Social Services, so are falling through the cracks. Filling the gaps is a challenge when you have regulatory requirements that set boundaries.
- Can we do a better job in working with families? Can we explore what the legal requirements are, and what the limits are in reaching out to the families?
- Organizations' hands are tied until state laws regarding child abuse and neglect are changed. Social Services would have data that we can provide to legislators to change laws. Scott Parks will contact Vicki Tylka about this.

- Reaching out to the physician community, particularly emergency department physicians, is important, helping them to know what to do with patients they see who may have problems – where they could be referred to.
- Over the next couple of months we should:
 - identify legal impediments
 - inventory services available to children AND to families
 - review needs of children at time of incarceration of the parent.
- Dawn Perez, Supervisor of Child Protective Services, has a presentation she does on what constitutes abuse and neglect, what are responses, legal impediments, services in the community, etc. It would be a great overview for this committee. We will invite her to the next meeting.

Behavioral Health Integrated Care (BHIC) Grant

- The grant has not received final approval. DHS has asked for additional clarification, and asked for a meeting on site to meet with Aspirus, NCHC, Bridge Clinic, and Ministry. DHS will be onsite June 17th for this meeting.

Psychiatry Update

- We have a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner beginning in a few weeks, after she is credentialed. She is just completing her program at Yale.
- We had a site visit with a Psychiatrist candidate that didn't pan out.
- We applied for a grant with DHS to develop a rural track Psychiatry Residency program in North Central Wisconsin. The first class of three residents would begin in 2017, with three additional residents added each year. The first class would complete their residency in 2021. This grant is in conjunction with the Medical College of Wisconsin. We received a grant of over \$500,000 for the development. We will be working with Aspirus, Ministry, Marshfield Clinic, Bridge Clinic, Wood County, Portage County, and the Veterans' Administration. This is very exciting, as studies have shown that 63% of residents stay in the area where they completed their residency.

Alcohol & Drugs in the Community

- Heroin and meth use is increasing; cocaine use is decreasing. The trend is that as heroin becomes less available, meth usage increases.
- The AOD Partnership is a 10 year federal grant, which is ending at year end 2014. What is the best way for this committee to address the issue with the ending of this grant? What is NCHC's role?
- The Board of Health, Health & Human Services Committee, and Social Services Board are discussing it, and whether to have Marathon County support the AOD Partnership after the current grant ends.
- NCHC should look at taking an active role in this. There is overlap with some prevention work it does. There is some opportunity for NCHC to take a more active role.
- Where the funding is coming from is important, but we need to concentrate on what the results are we are looking for.
- NCHC should map out what they can do, then Marathon County can look at gaps. Staffing the program is important. NCHC is a three county organization, so it would not just be a Marathon County program; it would be in all three counties.

Future Meeting Agendas

- The next meeting was moved to July 16th at 4:00PM.
- Early years issues – legal impediments; invite Dawn Perez of Child Protective Services
- Providing support for AOD Partnership in community
- Aquatic Program

Aquatic Program Update

A RFP relative to evaluation of options for aquatic therapy pool was released. Two proposals were received: U.S. Aquatics, and Angus Young. There is also a new task force being formed to look at use of the building NCHC Wausau Campus building at the south end. NCHC would like to create a Residential Treatment Program that could potentially go where the ADRC is currently located.

Motion Shipway, 2nd Kelly, to adjourn at 4:16p.m. Motion carried.

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