

Carver County Mental Health Advisory Council

Minutes of April 10, 2018 Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Leader: Derek Gunderson

Recorder: Caroline Beise

Attendance

Council Members Present:

Absent:

Liason Members Present:

Caroline Beise

Jenna Rodenz

Sam Deweese

Lisa Gjerde

Karrie Schroyer

Beth Fagin

Derek Gunderson

Eddie Tipton

Michelle Faith

Sue Kunitz

Melissa Hanson

Ana Macias

Sandra Menzel

Guest:

Mary Myss

Dr. Richard Scott

Becky Sorenson

Virginia Wright

Agenda Item:

1. Eddie called the meeting to order.
2. Motion to approve agenda by Sue Kunitz, second by Ana Macias. Approved.
3. March and April minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
4. Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Scott, Carver County Public Health Manager, was introduced.
He said mental health has been identified as one of three top public health concerns.
He gave an illustration of three approaches to mental illness: 1) immediate response,
2) identify early signs, 3) prevention. He informed us that Carver County received a
children's mental health grant for school-linked services, early recognition and support.
Dr. Scott asked us to write ideas for the Council's focus for the next twelve months on
post-it notes. These then were prioritised. The top three vote-getters were:
larger 1) support and promote public presentations on mental health; 2) encourage
turn-outs for listening sessions; 3) place articles on mental health in community

newspapers. He said we don't always have to be the "doers" as we are advisory.

Rather, use that authority to influence the community to encourage Commissioners to make decisions.

5. Chair's Report - Derek attended Suicide & Mental Health Awareness Conference in Hutchinson, MN. He said Crisis Connection, which gives support to callers in crisis, is in danger of closing due to lack of funding.

6. New Business: Derek will draft a letter to Commissioners that the LAC strongly encourages them to support HF501/SF776 requesting \$969,000 state funding for Crisis Connection to continue to operate and serve callers struggling with mental health issues. Motion by Sandra Menzel, Second by Sue Kunitz. Approved.

7. Old Business - none

8. Upcoming Events - Melissa Hanson presented a proposed poster for an upcoming community education event, "Mental Health and Suicide Awareness," to be held Thursday, May 17, 2018, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Chaska Community Center.

Speakers

are Paul "PT" Thomas and Steve Hansberry. The LAC will have a table.

Several

members will assist.

9. Announcements

Derek has spoken with the Chaska and Chanhassen newspapers about publishing

articles on mental health. He asked members to consider writing.

10. Derek showed a Star Tribune article on a psychiatric treatment center for children and teens (Cambria Hills) that was voted down in Forest Lake. The center wants to

find a location in the NE suburbs and eventually in the SW suburbs. Derek asked

how we could lend support and eventually get such a service in Carver County.

An individual approached the LAC wanting a letter of recommendation from the

Commissioners. We decided this is not our role.

11. There being no further business, Derek moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second by Sandra Menzel. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Beise, Recorder