CARVER COUNTY LAC Meeting

DATE: 06/08/2021

Chair: Derek Gunderson

TIME: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Recorder: Courtney Iverson

COUNCIL MEMBERS		LIAISON MEMBERS			GUESTS		
Name	Р	Α	Name	Р	Α	Name	
Derek Gunderson	х		Beth Fagin	х			
Dr. Eddie Tipton		х	Melissa Hanson	х			
Ana Macias	х		Sam Deweese	х			
Mary Myss	х		Melanie Warm				
Sue Kunitz	v		Michelle Faith, Nystrom and	V			
Sue Runitz	Х		Associates ARMHS	х			
Courtney Iverson	х		Tim Lynch				
Sandy Menzel	х		Stephanie Combey	х			
Judy Kieffer	х		Diane Pagel	х			
Stacy Zellmann	х						
Heather Boll		х					
Cliona Archer		х					
Lindsey Konchar	х						
Sophia Wood		х					
Jenny Swan	х						

Agenda	Activity/Discussion	Decision/Action
Agenda Item 1:	Call to Order: 4:05 PM	
Agenda Item 2:	Approve June Agenda: Sandi approved	Approved by consensus

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Agenda Item 3:	Approve May Minutes:	Approved by
	No changes	consensus
	Mary motion to approve	
Agenda Item 4:	Guests: N/A	
Agenda Item 5:	New Business:	Information
	Moving back to onsite meetings – to determine if possible, by July meeting date	
	Staff Reports Melissa:	
	Continuing to have lots of referrals for adult mental health Planning for CSP groups to resume in person, starting with outdoor events Hiring a new nurse-splitting to 2 positions: RN and AMH/SUD case mgrs. Adult Mental Health Initiative Reform workgroup *Come up with a final funding formula *Melissa is hoping for more funding	
	They are looking at at-risk populations	
	Is there anything we can do to advocate for more funds?	
	We are looking for 1000 new homes over the next few years. Derek thinks we are the fastest growing county in the state	
	What is unique to our Carver County area?	

Agenda Item 5: cont.	Beth	Information
	Not much new since most schools are done	
	40 kids enrolled in the summer program @ Minnewashta park	
	ACES training	
	All of Beth's staff stayed	
	Stephanie Combey	
	Steiner Kelting is getting ready to open early September	
	Diane will talk about re-opening of first street center	
	Many services are altered because of COVID	
	Telehealth bill was to loosen up service requirements	
	Hopeful on special session to approve	
	There is a significant shortage of psychiatrists across the country	
	They don't want on call schedules	
	Hiring process takes a while	
	Right now, we contract with psychiatrist so that needs to go through the board approval process	
	Comment: Local psychiatrist has part ownership in treatment center	
	Investment in the business instead of the practice	
	Equity position/ownership	
	Offer the chance for them to work outdoors and in natural environments	
	I would be willing to donate some hours to RecuperAcres to see if that might help	
	Tuition Reimbursement	
	Looking at ways to better fund psychiatry. We have done no salary study. Not very competitive	
	What are colleges doing to help recruit	
	Next wave may be from the mental health pandemic	

Agenda Item 5: cont.	Providers that more accurately reflect our communities	Information
	The right facilities don't do us any good if we don't have the right doctors	
	Mary feels the mental health crisis is already here Sandy feels we have a mental health pandemic	
	Carver Co is ahead of the game with our crisis and co responder model How do we advocate for both?	Discussion
	Stats around how each wing helps?	
	Having the right mental health intervention after a crisis is critical. Co responder will have continuous calls if the individual does not get the help they need.	
	Commissioner Udermann is re-examining the mental health program and having the liaisons present current programs	
	Need to do an assessment plan around where we put our resources	
	Not sure if they have completed a strategic review on mental health	
	Diane: Will start seeing clients in the office, June 21 st on a case by case basis in person Will see at risk clients or challenged by technology populations, children or environments where home is unstructured	Information
	After July 12 th therapists will be in 20 hrs. a week on T/TH	
	Hybrid Service model-in person & telehealth	
	Got approval to do audio only sessions for covid but would probably go away sooner than later.	
	60% of clients want to continue telehealthMany clients want both	
	Psychiatry-they are probably in a better situation	
	The Dr. was going to resign but has rescinded his resignation and dropped his hours 5 hours each week	

Agenda Item 5: cont.	Can increase telehealth prescribers	Information
	Plan on advertising-indeed & university, please send referrals	
	Quality assurance seems to be what impacts this getting approved	
	Client needs to be at the site where the bill was originated	
	Client at home and staff in the office	
	During covid staff at home and covid at home	
	Stephanie-moving through the session quite well, there wasn't much opposition to it, would not think the legislators would resist	
	Worry is they will focus the session on the budget and delay the implementation of telehealth	
	Prior to the pandemic, telemedicine was one of the fastest growing method of health care, there are large scale providers that was to provide this in MN so there is an obvious demand	
	Carver Co's advantage is we provide in person services	
	Must see how the laws turn out	
	We will have to see what our client needs are.	
	Therapist perspective-feel like there is a little something that gets lost when you use telehealth but it's not that it can't be effective	
	We should not base future decisions on what we did during a pandemic time	
	What happens if it goes to regular session and gets knocked down from special session. Then it would have to go to the original rules, which would exclude telephone only	
	There could be a patient lash back from providers due to accessibility limitations based on legislative decisions.	
	Hiring another therapist next year, and got that approved in the budget	

Agenda Item 5: cont.	Have to plan budgets 2 years in advance, and when there is a high need, it becomes no longer a relative budgets	Information
	Diane is not afraid to hire fresh out of residency Stephanie feels they may want an experienced psych as a resource	
	We have 2 part time psychiatrist Dr 1- 12 hours a week Dr 2- 12 hours a week We don't have a full time equivalent but that is what Carver County wants to get	
	Recommend they get a headhunter Where are the psych that Carver County hired going? Could they share that with us in July? Reasons people left (only 3 people in 20 years)	
	No turnover issue, it is a recruiting issue Melanie Warm	
Agenda Item 6:	Chairs Report:	Information
	Did try and work with MARRCH Morels & Memories Mushroom Hunt & Alzheimer's Fundraiser raised almost \$15.8k-hooray!	
	Suggestions to the commissioners	
	Sheriff wants to add another co-responder Possible to have co responding teams	

Agenda Item 7:	Old Business:	Information
	January-ACES, Operating procedures	
	February-Staffing, potential partnership with NAMI	
	Do we have space for this?	
	We need another facility to work like First Street.	
	Should another facility be included or advocating for infrastructure to mental health space and	
	consumers OR does staffing satisfy the need	
	Ana feels more modern facilities would help	
	Public and private partnerships (like what we have with Steiner Kelting) *program is being run by a 3 rd party	
	Ana feels we need data to talk about what is the best approach	
	Jenny Swan-what if the county could do some incentive to private business to get stuff up and moving faster	
	Public/Private partnership is the county purchased the property and program is run by someone else It is tax prohibited	
	Maybe there is a need to get a quality of life study/survey so we can quantify data around that.	
	It is maybe time to start the process for another survey	
	Sample is of people who live and work in carver county	
	Had open ended questions and forced choice questions	
	Melissa will forward on that survey & a Summary of the CHIP survey	
	*she received this from Patrick Stieg in public health	
	*has more of an adult mental health lens	

Agenda Item 8:	Beth is wondering if we can have more a well being focus	Information
	Do you have good connections?	And
	How often do you get in nature?	Discussion
	Do you feel you have support in this community?	
	Melissa described the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and assessment that was completed, gathered some of this data already, could partner with public health on this	
	What are we going to work on July-December?	
	What is important to Judy in terms of mental health? Consistent help, familiarity	
	What is important to Jenny? Child mental health, access for all and that people who how and where those resources are Co-responders & advocating for help	
	Courtney thinks options for mental health are very important	
	Sandy feels education for someone to identify someone who is in crisis Early signs in children What isolation can do to someone	
	Mental health first aid	
	Education around the stigma of mental health	
	Makes Sandy sick to see police shoot people who are having a mental health crisis	
	We don't teach enough on how to recognize mental health crisis like we do a physical health crisis	
	How to help with emotional breaks	
	Ana-defining the goals of this group	
	We have a lot of ideas, a lot of things we can't do	

Agenda Item 8:cont.	We talk a lot of the things that are completely out of our hands	Information And
	Should we for the next 3 meetings use that time to make a good survey	Discussion
	Release the survey sept 15 & leave it open for a month, to have results by Nov.	
	Then we can give better recommendations for the Jan 2022 meeting	
	Will present at the later in the month July meeting to the commissioners so we will meet again before that meeting	
	Will have 3 open positions, 1 member will be recommended to be excused from the board as they have missed 4 meetings	
Agenda Item 9:	LAC Member To Do's:	
Agenda Item 10:	Upcoming Events:	
Agenda Item 11:	Open Forum:	Discussion
	Sandy-Dr. Tipton was going to try and join today and he did not come on	
	*want to try and see his presentation regarding policing so Derek will get in touch with him by the end of the month	
	Sue-are there any plans to cut funding for police and first responders-we don't know but we are as we are a growing county	
	Chaska has their own police force	
	More of a question for city council	