CARVER COUNTY Mental Health LAC Meeting

DATE: 08.09.2022 LEADER: 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		
Mary Myss		Х	Melissa Hanson	Х		
Katelyn Theimer	Х		Sam Deweese			
Courtney Iverson	Х		Melanie Warm			
Sandy Menzel	Х		Diane Pagel			
Judy Kieffer	Х		Stephanie Combey	Х		
Michelle Iversen	Х		Tim Lynch			
Mike Duzan		Х	Katie Downing, Nystrom & Associates			
Lindsey Konchar	Х		Richard Scott			
Ellie Krug	Х					
Jenny Swan	Х					
Stacy Zellmann	Х					
Kelli Brenny		Х				
Sarah Bot	X					

	Activity/Discussion	Decision/Action
	Call to Order: Derek Gunderson 4:04 p.m.	
Agenda Item 1:	Approve August Agenda: Approved Add SEO with Eric Seiger	Approved by consensus

Agenda Item 2:	Approve July Minutes: Sandi Approval	Approved by consensus
Agenda Item 3:	Staff Reports Melissa Hanson: Adult mental health initiative Lots of grant applications the last few months AMHI HCBS FMAP funding State Fiscal Year *2023- \$88,052.63 *2024 - \$89,000 Infrastructure activities for adults experiencing serious mental illness, approved use of funding includes: • Renovating a facility that provides CSP services • Purchase a vehicle for transporting adults with serious and persistent mental illness to rehabilitative services • Staff Training to better meet the needs of diverse communities • Dedicated Health Adult Mental Health Initiative Coordinator With transportation, is staff available? How is this sustainable? Funding is only for SFY 2023 and 2024 (one- time funds). Would the vehicle be able to support families with children? Could the vehicle be shared with another program? Sandy feels if it could be shared with a senior program maybe that would help? Funding is only to support adults experiencing serious and persistent mental illness Transportation is part of the community health improvement plan, there is a committee around this topic specifically Transportation grants Many schools would like to do summer programs like PREP, but the issue becomes the transportation Anicca and PREP program spend \$40k per summer. It's a big expense for programming outside of school County does fund this, but it only serves 30 kids in the PREP program and 20+ students in the Day Treatment Derek feels we should really push transportation Try and find the common bonds for transportation We should apply for all grants we can around this	Information

Agenda Item 3:	Adult Mental Health initiative meeting is tomorrow at 2:30	Information
Cont.	Sandy will take notes at it	
	Melanie will be sharing info on 988 and other mental health crisis program updates	
	Beth Fagin: School is on hiatus, so staff are taking breaks and catching up. Summer program ended last week, and school starts in a few weeks Prep went well this summer. Many great stories with kids and activities Looking forward to a new normal school year. Beth is a bit apprehensive because we haven't had normal for a while Beth is fortunate to have the staff she has who are experienced and knowledgeable about schools	
Agenda Item 4:	New Business: SEO Eric Seiger is the Communications Manager who provided some information/ response as Stephanie did the follow up after last LAC meeting. He reclaimed our business profile on google Can add up to 10 tags so 1st St Center will come up as an option Will start looking at the website and improving and adding to the website Can come back to the 10 tags Send the tag words in an email Carver County Mental Health First Street Center 1st Street Center Mental Health Emergency Crisis Therapy Children's Therapy	Information
	 Children's Mental Health Counseling Mental Health Help Mental Health Counseling 	

Agenda Item 4:	Psychiatry	Information
Cont.	Suicide Hotline	
	Psychology	
	Eric to provide feedback on this list	
	FMAP funding:	
	Comment that Melissa did a lot of hard work to keep the funding where it was at	
	Commissioners Update:	Information
	Tried to get to Ellie's point a little more granular in the discussion	
	Was a good conversation. Our work does not go unnoticed by Commissioner Lynch	
	As for grant money, there has got to be a better way for us to get what is needed.	
	Commissioners were happy to see the growth.	
	5 years ago, this was a support group, but we don't do that anymore as it sidetracks from	
	our business of evaluating the services. We will continue to keep things moving on.	
	Carver County Public Health Community Health Assessment	Information
	Melissa sent link to all of us	
	Adult Mental Health Needs/Gaps Survey completed a few years ago	
	Anxiety	
	Stress	
	Depressions	
	Suicide	
	Derek feels this does not address kids much	
	We could have our own survey that drills down at the 5-10k ft level is	
	Sandy-felt this survey might have left out details like definitions of anxiety and	
	depression	
	It is important to qualify anxiety and depression	
	Word choices	
	Different age groups could be different for the wording	
	How accurate is it really if we don't have it well defined?	

Agenda Item 4:	What is our goal in asking these questions?	Information
Cont.	How do we use this data to support children's mental health programming?	
	Will this give us support in getting more beds?	
	Will it help with grant writing?	
	Will this help with transportation?	
	What is our broader priority list?	
	IF you had better transportation, would you use services more often?	
	Will partner with public health on this	
	Ask questions like I worry so much I don't sleep at night	
	Depression/anxiety scale similar	
	Are we trying to measure issues or access to care?	
	Transportation questions were not broken down, we should pull that out	
	How can we make these more effective?	
	Recommended we have a text area where we can collect the "why's" around some	
	responses	
	Stephanie-answers may be different from someone who has an actual diagnosis vs	
	someone who has been experiencing symptoms	
	Broadband reduces the barrier for transportation issues	
	We can't see trends until after	
	Alcohol use spiked during the pandemic, but liquor stores were not closed	
	Suicide Rate has gone up alongside liquor sales	
	Liquor stores were not closed because of the withdrawal aspect, hospitals could not	
	handle all the people hospitalized for that	
	Send question and feedback after this	
	Ask if people's mental health was impacted by the pandemic	
	Ask also if they were able to recover since then	
	We lost routine	
	Lost relationships	
	News is full of bad news	

Agenda Item 4:	We have not been given a deadline as to when feedback from us is needed by, so it is	Information
Cont.	applied to the assessment	
	Stigma 180/District 112	
	Connection	
	Most schools are experiencing significant turnover in staff	
	Beth could talk with them	
	Derek stresses continuity	
	They talk about a teacher shortage, but the reality is we drove them away.	
	This is happening because we are driving a rigid mentality.	
	It is burnout	
	The schools try	
	Student Behaviors have significantly increased.	
	Figure out ways to support schools and teachers.	
	Beth feels there will be a 2–3-year recovery period for education	
	A lot of good people left	
	Many people left special education	
	Will the funding for the gun control bill help with this at all?	
	Some schools have hired more social workers	
	There is a limited time the funds are available for this.	
	We have underfunded schools for so many years	
	Where are these teachers going?	
	Paraprofessionals will leave schools because they get paid double the money to work as	
	a customer service representative and work from home some of the time.	
	All the helping professions have really taken a hit much with the respect we give them	
	and how we reimburse them	
	Many people in education retired, it was not encouraged in education, but it still	
	happened	

Agenda Item 4: Cont.	How do we make an impact? Being vocal with young people and being an ally and becoming a mental health professional.	Information
	Kids are impacted in such a complex way and there is so much more pressure than there ever was before.	
	If we are trying to figure out what is best for kids, we should get one on the board and listen to them. This is a good idea for us to bring up. Might not be the best idea to have the kid's parent here because they might not be as willing to speak up.	
	If we can encourage stigma 180 to be picked up again	
	Counselors could come in and we do a 20 min conversation	
	Student to just provide input like we do on the committee	
	Have any of the schools had a youth mental health panel?	
	Are there other groups we want to bring in to hear from them? What groups do we need to reach out to next? We are a homogenous group	
	IF we want to increase representation on the LAC, there are ways we can do that There are Somali folks in carver co	
	There are black and brown people, we just need to be intentional the way we are reaching out to them	
	Matt Udermann reached out to Ellen Krug. It is about reaching out to them. 99% of the people in carver county have no idea what this committee is about. Members who interface with a lot of people	

Agenda Item 4: Cont.	Human Rights commission in Chaska has a lot of connections. We have to be very intentional.	Information
Cont.	How do we make sure we aren't overlooking people / groups who are not at the table? When counties grow, good and bad things happen with growth	
	Beth-Can we craft some sort of a letter?	
	There is a Watertown for Black Lives working group. If we can put together something to them or the human rights commission. Beth can never ask someone who is a client and receiving services to be part of this for confidentiality reasons.	
	Ellie will reach out to the Chaska Human Rights Commission Erica may be willing to speak to us. Ellie knows Erica so she will reach out to Erica.	
	September: Human Rights Commission outreach	
	October/November: Student Member	
	December: Speaker	
	Derek spoke about potential of expanding membership, then needing to separate the group to adult and child mental health LAC	
	What does it take to change the rules?	
	We must go to the state if we want to expand our membership, stipend pay is different.	
	Ellie is willing to go to the state to get more seats-we need to be diverse *She would like the name of the contact to go to, to the state.	
	This is the first year we are a full committee of 14 Melissa will check out the Carver County Advisory Committee	
	Wear purple/teal to the next meeting and at the fair if you go.	

Adjournment	Motion to adjourn 6:04	Meeting Adjourned.
Next Meeting	October 11, 2022	Information