CARVER COUNTY ADULT MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE MEETING

DATE: February 17, 2021 Facilitator: Melissa Hanson

TIME: 2:00-3:30 p.m. Recorder: LeAnne Horve

In Attendance:		
Name	Name	Name
Melissa Hanson, CSP Supervisor	Michelle Faith-Nystrom and Associates ARMHS	
Derek Gunderson, LAC	Jennifer Jiang, BCBS	
Mika Baer-Ucare	Chezni Rang, CSP	
Erin Kavros- Carver County Mental Health Crisis Program	Tara Boettcher-Admin Support Supervisor	
Patrick Stieg-Carver County Public Health	Jen Romero-Housing Support Supervisor	
Cliona Archer	Dan	
James Mitchell	Charlie Yanisch-Housing Support	
Angie Owens, CSP		
Jamie Nelson-Medica		
LeAnne Horve, First St Ctr Administrative Assistant		

Activity/Discussion

Call to Order: Welcome and Introductions

- I. February Agenda approved. General consensus.
- II. January meeting minutes reviewed and approved.
- III. Jen Romero, Carver County Housing Unit Supervisor, gave an update on their enrollment to provide housing stabilization services as of November 2020. The HSASMI program will transition to this service. Charlie Yanisch is working with adults participating in this program to ensure they receive housing support. Angie Owens has also been approved to provide Housing Consultation services. The shelter program received additional funding related to COVID-19, which enabled the program to expand from serving 9 households to 18. The CAP agency winter weather shelter vouchers provided shelter for 8 households over the recent cold spell. A question was asked about people being homeless currently in Carver County, with Jen responded.
- IV. Patrick Stieg from Carver County Public Health gave a presentation on four broad priority issues after a recent five year community assessment. Area action teams were established to address goals of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Some goal areas have made progress, but due to Covid-19, it has been limited. Their 5 year plan priority is to address how systems can be improved to promote well being. Housing, transportation, and general well-being were highlighted. They are working to bring members back together now in 2021. The National Robert Wood Foundation grant has come out to look at the issue of well-being. The Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) grant provides some funding related to chronic health conditions, with a focus on risk factors like poor nutrition, tobacco use, and now encompassing well-being as well. One initiative they are working on is Park RX. The idea is to encourage more people to spend time outdoors and use park trails. They are working with the Arboretum, nature centers, etc. The goal would be able to have clinical providers give rx's for things like this. Melissa Hanson reported that a proposal in the Governor's budget may cut 2.9% in funding for AMHI grants in 2022. Melissa will find out more details and Derek Gunderson suggested contacting local legislators. Patrick will send someone from CHIP to share with our group for follow-up.

Decision/Action

Agenda Approved

Minutes Approved

Presentation

Discussion

- V. Tara Boettcher, Admin and Accounting Support Supervisor gave an update on the AMHI grant expenditures for 2021. A request to move \$14,742 of unspent funds from BRASS Code 437 to BRASS Code 491 was approved by AMHI members, as well as a transfer of \$7,419 from BRASS Code 474 to BRASS Code 491.
- VI. Erin Kavros provided an update regarding the Carver County Mental Health Crisis Program becoming one of 4 agencies across the State of MN that are taking the National Suicide Prevention Hotline calls. Carver County Crisis will be covering calls from 19 additional counties in the SW portion of the state. Technology challenges were discussed and they are being addressed. Designated staff will answer those lines. They will be doing follow up calls to people as well. They also have experience working with law enforcement. The source of funding for this program is a grant that was obtained by applying to become an NSPL provider. 2 part-time social workers were also hired on. The mental health crisis number will be 988 in the future designed solely for mental health issues. It is a national initiative. It will be rolled out in July 2022.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 @ 2pm via Webex.

*Subgroup meetings following the AMHI meeting:

Anti-Stigma and Community Education (3:30 to 4 p.m) Crisis Program Advisory Council (3:30 to 4 p.m.)

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