

## CARVER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**CHAIR:** Ben Maas

**TIME:** 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

**RECORDER:** Caroline Beise

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			LIAISON MEMBERS			GUESTS
Name	P	A	Name	P	A	Name
Caroline Beise	√		Alene Chelman	√		Sheriff Jim Olson
Sam Deweese	√		Melissa Hanson	√		
Lisa Gjerde		√	Gary Norman	√		
Lisa Inman		√				
Sue Kunitz		√				
Ben Maas	√					
Rod Sawtell	√					
Twyla Sawtell	√					
Becky Sorenson	√					
Eddie Tipton		√				
Virginia Wright	√					

Agenda Item	Activity/Discussion	Decision/Action/Conclusion
Call to Order	Ben called the meeting to order.	
Approval of April Agenda	Ben moved to approve the April agenda. Sam seconded.	Approved by consensus.
Approval of March Minutes	Ben moved to approve the March minutes. Twila seconded.	Approved by consensus.

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<b>Sheriff Jim Olson</b>	<p>Carver County Sheriff Jim Olson appeared before The Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Sherriff's Department has recently retrained Jail staff on handling mental health issues. The training was performed by the Barbara Schneider Foundation. Patrol staff are up for retraining soon.</li><li>• Training helps the department uphold its Mission Statement</li><li>• The Jail has a new part-time psychologist to treat people in crisis. Would like to have more psychologist hours.</li><li>• There are not enough beds for people in crisis. The Sheriff reports that Minnesota is 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in crisis beds.</li><li>• There was a question about what mental health assistance deputies are provided. The Sheriff's department currently provides a Chaplin and has an Employee Assistance Program.</li><li>• There was a short discussion on youth intervention. The Sheriff stated that "there are no throw away kids".</li><li>• There was a question on recent national focus on race relations with law enforcement. Carver County Sheriff Deputies are trained to focus on behavior and not let prejudices determine their reactions.</li><li>• A Committee member shared their personal experiences dealing with Deputies in their home during interventions. Both negative and positive experiences were discussed.</li><li>• The Sheriff encouraged anyone with negative experiences with Deputies to call the Sheriff's Department and share their thoughts.</li><li>• The Sheriff stated that the Department's dispatchers do an incredible job in a position with a high amount of stress.</li><li>• There was a short discussion on female deputies. The Department has a limited number of female deputies at this time. The Sheriff stated that ethnic diversity is a challenge.</li></ul>	<p>The Committee commended the Sheriff on his service.</p>
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<p><b>Sheriff Jim Olson (continued)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chaska has its own police department. All other communities in Carver County contract with the Carver County Sheriff's Department.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Roundtable Discussion</b></p>	<p>Freshwater Church has opened its doors to the public for three nights a week for youth activities.</p> <p>There was a discussion on alternative/comprehensive approach to treating mental illness.</p>	
<p><b>Consumer Listening Session</b></p>	<p>The Committee intends to hold another consumer listening session similar to the one held last year. The intent is to provide an opportunity for people to give feedback and share experiences with Carver County Mental Health Services. The listening session will be a roundtable discussion to allow people to share their stories and experiences. Names will be confidential.</p> <p>Ben reported to the Committee that the following options were available to the Committee for a May 12<sup>th</sup> consumer listening session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waconia Town Hall (Ben's preference)</li> <li>• Victoria Town Hall</li> </ul> <p>Because The Committee is a county entity there would not be a charge for either location.</p> <p>After some discussion with Gary, The Committee decided to use First Street Center.</p> <p>Ben moved that the next meeting will be a combined business and listening session to be held at First Street Center. A short business meeting will be held from 4-5pm with a listening session to follow from 5-7pm. Virginia seconded.</p>	<p>Approved by consensus.</p> <p>Ben will create copy for newspaper articles which Caroline will then send to newspapers throughout the county.</p>

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<b>Possible Future Speakers</b>	Several potential speakers were discussed and priorities determined. The highest priority speakers where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carver County Veteran Services</li><li>• ATTACH</li><li>• Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders</li></ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Ben entertained a motion to adjourn. Sam moved. Becky Seconded	Approved by consensus.