

Present: Angela Youngerberg, Phil Claussen, Barb Dietz, Kathy Werner, Sue Rynda, Mark Shaw, Klea Rettmann, Naomi Ochsendorf

Others Present: Amy Haas, Gloria Smith, Jamie Hayes, Teri Herder-Blahnik

Mark Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: Phil Claussen moved to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2019 JPB meeting. Naomi Ochsendorf seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Sue Rynda moved to approve the agenda. Klea Rettmann seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

DHS Report: Gloria Smith reported that AMHI reform timelines have been revised with reform targeted for the 2023/24 budget cycle. Lorraine Pierce is the new DHS contact for crisis grants. DHS found that they needed more time and greater expertise to do research regarding the cost analyses submitted by the initiatives. They received permission from DHS to hire a vendor to complete the research and develop a formula to determine AMHI funding. Their goal is to move AMHI from a pilot state to a statutory process. The vendor will differ from Nancy Houlton who was hired as a consultant to promote AMHI reform, as they will focus primarily on formula development. Additional information about the quarterly budget modification process and behavioral health funding was included in the meeting packet.

RMT Report: Amy Haas reported on the August 8th RMT meeting.

- LAC, JPB, DHS, Quarterly budget and Psychiatric allocation reports were given.
- Book Club Idea - Jamie spoke with the clubhouses about a Book Club idea where clubhouse members would read a book, "The Mindful Lifestyle" by Gary Green. Gary would then be invited to speak at the April 2020 Stakeholders meeting and perhaps autograph copies of the book. The clubhouses are interested, and Gary will be approached to see if he is interested as well. It would include the purchase of about 100 books.
- RMT Orientation – Jamie talked about RMT orientation for the new members. She had two orientations this week, one with a consumer member and the other with a supervisor member.
- Working with MCOs - Jamie is connecting with Community Liaisons from MCO's to create additional relationships and possible opportunities for data collection & event sponsorship. So far, she has met with Leon Flack of UCare and Lynn Price of BlueCross BlueShield. Jamie will continue to establish connections with liaisons representing other MCOs such as Medica and Health Partners.
- Committee Reports – SET committee is finalizing details for the September Stakeholders Meeting. The Crisis Committee looked at children's services and tried to brainstorm methods to do outreach without a budget. Nova House IRTS presented on the E-IMR Program at the Integrated Services meeting.
- Fall RMT Retreat – Jamie reported that planning for the retreat has been slow because contacts at the preferred venue site (Gustavus College) are on vacation and/or unreachable.

July Vendor Report: Kathy Werner moved to approve the July vendor payments. Phil Claussen seconded. Motion carried.

2019 Budget Committee Chair Vacancy: Following the resignation of Tom Henderson, the Budget Committee needs a new Chair. Current Budget Committee members, Angie Youngerberg and Mark Shaw, represent counties who serve as fiscal hosts. It would be desirable to have another Director from a non-fiscal host county serve on the committee. Kathy Werner volunteered to serve on the committee until January 2020. The Committee will elect a Chair.

Q2 2019 Budget Reports:

- **Mobile Crisis** - The report shows 32% spent, but it does not include June billing. The grant is actually closer to 50% spent. RAP for children is underspent because a provider cannot be located. Jamie is pursuing possible options, including approaching Open Door Health Center. There have not been funds to address children's mobile crisis outreach. Jamie would like to plan a mid-year check-in meeting to look at the grant's budget at the time of Lorraine's site visit so that she could be included. Fiscal Supervisors will not need to attend if no drastic changes are planned, but it would be helpful if they are available to be contacted by phone if questions arise.
- **AMHI** – The grant is 53% spent at the end of Q2. Funds in Other-reserves include crisis grant funds paid to AMHI to cover the Regional Manager position. Jamie does not expect much underspending in this grant. Flex funds are slightly underspent. IRTS is 63% spent, and Jamie expects that it will be overspent by the end of the year.
- **Crisis Center Appropriation** – The report shows 10% spent, but Jamie just received Q2 billing bringing the bill to 25% spent. Jamie plans to meet with Horizon Homes to look at the budget to address items not covered in their billing that they have not submitted to SCCBI for reimbursement. She will also look at crisis line staffing and the possibility of adding a position.

Q2 2019 Psych Allocation: The overall psychiatric allocation should be 75% spent at the end of Q2 (includes Q4 of 2018). Sioux Trails is 35% spent. BEC is 62% spent. FCMHC is 84% spent. Freeborn County psychiatry is 100% spent after partial reimbursement of their Q2 bill. All three clinics are underspent in urgent care. Jamie has been speaking to the clinics to remind them that urgent care billing is dependent on Rule 29 standards, no longer on SCCBI standards. This should allow clinics greater flexibility to bill for urgent care. Urgent care appointments can be provided to people not already connected with a provider but who need to be seen within 7 days or existing clients who need to be seen separate from a regularly scheduled appointment, clients who need an appointment right away for medication, or clients who are in crisis.

Q2 2019 DHS Reports for Crisis Services: Jamie included the Q2 reports in the packet as a reference. The reports highlight successes and barriers. Also included was tracking of the number of outreach meetings, which is required by DHS.

Regional Manager Updates:

- **Fall Mental Health Conference** – Jamie reported that the venue is booked (MSU Mankato, Centennial Student Union Ballroom) for Wednesday, October 9th. “*Save the Date!*” flyers and cards are available for Directors to take with them. Jamie walked through her conference proposal and budget. Registration will be online. Payment will still be completed by mailed in check. Michael Farnsworth and Kathy Flaminio will be keynote speakers. Four breakout sessions will be offered of which attendees will be able to choose three; Attendees will have the option to choose a PDF version of the booklet in lieu of the printed one; Vendor tables will not be included. Jamie received a request for pharmacy CEU's, so she will be looking into that. Jamie proposed to keep the same registration rates in place, but it was suggested to look into offering scholarships for college students to attract more participation. The MCOs could be approached to sponsor some scholarships.
- **September Stakeholder Meeting Agenda/Invite** – Directors were invited to attend the Stakeholders Meeting on Tuesday, September 10th. New Ulm PD will do a presentation about scamming. Erika Sletten will talk about coping with change.
- **DHS SMI vs SPMI Request** – Jamie presented for JPB review the document to be submitted to DHS in response to their questions regarding potential barriers created by the statutory language related to SPMI criterion vs. SMI in providing services to people in need. Gloria clarified that DHS wants State language (SPMI) to match Federal language (SMI). Discussion ensued with suggested revisions to the document addressing workforce shortages, SMI vs. SPMI encompassing all AMHI, not only rule 79, psychiatry, stakeholder meetings, flex funds, housing, clubhouses, reimbursement rates, and reform as a barrier to innovation.
- **Regional Telepresence Project** – Jamie reported on the growth and expansion of the Regional Telepresence Project. The Pilot started in May 2017 with 63 licenses. By January 2019 there were 108 licenses with the addition of Consumer County Admin/AMH staff, Community Based Coordinators,

BECMHC, Austin Manor IRT, Nova House IRT, Horizon Homes IRT and Horizon Homes. As of May 2019, there were 115 licenses with the addition of Arlington and Le Sueur Hospitals and with the New Ulm PD pending. The emergency departments have used the technology a few times and reported that it is invaluable. Those who participated in a recent survey ranked Vidyo regarding Ease of Use 4.24 stars (out of 5 stars) and Quality of Connection 4.15 stars. The Pilot ends in May 2020.

AMHI Reform Discussion: The vendor performing the research and formula development will need to be directed to investigate the reasons **why** AMHI funds have been underspent. They need to look at areas of innovation and growth that have been prevented due to insecurity about ongoing funding and the lack of guaranteed funding. They need to document underspending caused by staff and provider shortages resulting from the inability to attract providers. Their research needs to tell the full story of past spending trends. Counties must continue to be assertive and vocal with our legislators to ensure the preservation of our infrastructure.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Next JPB Meeting:

Friday, September 20, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM,

VINE Faith in Action, 421 E. Hickory St., Mankato, 5th floor “Riverview Gathering Room”

Respectfully submitted,

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