

Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024 [Zoom](#)
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[3:30 pm to 4:30 pm](#)

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Advisory Committee Minutes

- 3:30 pm- Welcome/Introductions

Attending: M. Loehr- CCNIA CEO, J. Dykshoorn- CCNIA Client and Finance Director, S. Rustad- CCNIA Administrative Assistant, M. Christoffel- CCNIA Service Coordinator, A. Miller- CCNIA Service Coordinator, Erin Schmidt- Exceptional Opportunities, Michaela Simmons- Hope Haven, Amy Davis- LSI, Jaysen VandeHoef- Osceola County.

- Coordinator Updates – Dykshoorn, Christoffel, Miller

Miller shared:

- referrals have increased in April and May.
- Gap funding continues for long term case management services
- Kossuth Task Force meetings are on hold for the summer
- Miller will be helping with the substance abuse prevention table at the Worth County fair
- Miller will be representing CCNIA at the Winnebago County Puckerbrush Days
- Miller is now NARCAN trained

Christoffel shared:

- Continuing to arrange BHIS, Respite, and IHH services for families, making connections between providers and families.
- There have been instances that MHA's are not getting notified when clients are in need of their services.
- Mental Health Coalition continues to meet to collaborate and share resources.
- Mental Health Coordinators following up vs. law enforcement when clients are a no show for court. (Mobile Crisis 2 person response)

Dykshoorn shared:

- CCNIA Service Coordinators will be participating in a training on outpatient competency restoration

6/11/24.

Loehr shared:

-Pelzer resigned in December from her position as a Service Coordinator for CCNIA. At this time CCNIA will not fill that position and Pelzer's responsibilities have been split among Miller, Christoffel, and Dykshoorn.

- **Regional Updates- Melissa Loehr/ Jenn Dykshoorn**

Loehr shared:

-Working on a Life Connections Respite Contract

-FY 24 Budget amendment increase

-FY 25 Salary adjustments, 4%

-FY 22 and 23 audits are completed by the state Auditor's Office

-FY 23 ending fund balance adjustment \$1,098,022

- **Legislation- Behavioral Health Redesign Conversation**

-HMA Report released, recommendations for legislation

-Legislation session resulted in HF 2673 Behavioral Health Alignment. Signed in May by Governor Reynolds.

-System Alignment: Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Disabilities and Aging

-Deerfield contract for LOCUS / CALOCUS was renewed. Training can now be obtained by the American Association of Community Psychiatrists.

-Stepping Up Follow Up: Admin fee is high. Requested they bill each region by county directly.

-Request was made for CCBHC's to share mobile Crisis data. HHS will provide guidance.

-July 1st is the target date for CCBHC certification notifications.

-A RFP was posted for suicide prevention this week. Proposals are due back July 31st. HHS will award contracts in specific areas with high suicide rates. These contracts will be required to work with the local coalition. The RFP is on Iowa grants, not the HHS website. There are six service areas.

- **FY 24 Budget Update- Jenn Dykshoorn**

-Working on sustainability vs. utilization coding per request of the state

-Collecting data: Medicaid vs. Regional funded individuals

- **FY 25 Budget Forecasting- Melissa Loehr**

-Crisis service costs have increased

- **Agency Updates/ Information Sharing**

-Simmons stated Hope Haven is increasing staffing at Sibley Ocheyedan School District.

-No other comments

- Next Meeting- via Zoom September 9, 2024
- 4:40 pm Meeting Adjourned

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