

**LAKE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 25, 2016

In Attendance: Roxanne Lillis (arrived at 9:25 a.m.), Isabella Spencer, Marlys Wisch, Susan Hilliard, Jan O'Donnell, Commissioner Pete Walsh

Excused/Absent: Carie Larson

Other: Vickie Thompson, LCHHS

Meeting called to order by Jan with a quorum at 9:06 a.m.

1. Approve today's Agenda. Motion by Marlys, second by Billie. **Motion Passed.** Approve March 23, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion by Billie, second by Marlys. **Motion Passed.**
2. Sex Trafficking Presentation by Susan and Marlys. The presentation was very informative. Handouts were provided and statistics were shared. Roxi arrived mid presentation at 9:25 a.m. After presentation, they had a question/answer period. Members agreed that this presentation and the Task Force is a benefit to Lake County; the Task Force is here to educate residents. Please let Marlys or Susan know if you have any ideas on them presenting anywhere else or to other groups.

Roxi took over the meeting.

3. Membership: Approve Local Mental Health Task Force membership for Christina P., and Sam S., effective May 9, 2016. Motion by Jan, second by Billie. **Motion Passed.**
4. Topics and Speakers Discussion. Vickie will ask Dan Jones, LCHHS Fiscal Supervisor, to present on the budget for the July meeting.
5. Mental Health Task Force Update (Billie). They had a survey at Super One and about 60-70 surveys were completed. They are still getting the results put together. They are hoping to get two more consumers on the Task Force. They will be at Heritage Days and Bay Days. The Lake County Fair Booth cost is covered by Discretionary Funds (not using their \$500 budget). No Caroline's Cart update.
6. Public Health Task Force Update (Jan). This Task Force is focusing on a County-wide Breast Feeding policy for the workplace and e-cigarettes. Both projects have stalled out. They had an article in the paper regarding breastfeeding support. Hoping to get the County Board's support. They are wondering "what's in the way of getting the breastfeeding policy"? Vickie was told to inform the public of the benefits of breastfeeding by the County Administrator. It is already a law to allow employees to pump/breastfeed in a place that is not a restroom. The Task Force wants Lake County to be a leader (since we are Public Health). They want the Board to demonstrate that they are supporting breastfeeding. They want to inform employees that it is their right-and it's a law. Next step: have women to the County Board meeting to explain to them how it affects them. E-cigarettes: They had an American Lung Association give a presentation last year to the County Board. The County Board was waiting for a state-wide policy. It hasn't happened at the state level yet. Doctors from Two Harbors and Silver Bay sent letters to the County Commissioners regarding e-cigarettes. No response from the Board. Strategic

Planning has helped their group narrow down their focus/areas of importance to Lake County. They want to get something done.

7. Vickie update: Chemical Dependency audit is coming in June. Busy preparing for that they and the State wants to review specific cases for timelines. Jail mental health services (contracts with two providers) are in place. They cover parenting, anger management, preventing re-entry into the system (what's your plan, life skills, how to reinstate medical, etc.). Trying to get Cook County to pay their fair share of this service. We have seen a drastic reduction in ER visits and disruptive behavior in the jail. Waterfront Center has been painted, shampooed the carpets, new floors were put in, small kitchen (no stove) was installed, new windows, new vanity in the bathroom! They need a pizza pizzazz though. HDC will run the program at about 60 hours per month. Looking to grow the program through volunteers. Garden is an eyesore; Vickie has been looking for other people/groups to take it over (garden club, 4H, Budd House, SHIP???). We will see what will happen – maybe a flower garden. Marlys will see what she can think of. Peer Support Specialist training for mental health has 3-4 people interested. State is looking at mental health and have started a work group. There really aren't any guidelines. Susan wanted to know when decisions are being made, can people know what is being decided so they (task forces) can contact legislators? Blandin Grant for the TH area to prevent poverty. Contact Brad Jones for more information.

Motion by Susan and second by Billie to adjourn meeting at 10:25 a.m. **Motion Passed.**

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 9 a.m. at Lake County Health and Human Services.**

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Jones, LCHHS