

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

November 25, 2015

In Attendance: Roxanne Lillis, Commissioner Pete Walsh

Excused/Absent: Melissa Frohrip, Jan O'Donnell, Carie Larson, Isabella Spencer

Other: Vickie Thompson, LCHHS; Amy Stark, LCHHS

Meeting called to order without a quorum at 9:09 a.m.

1. Presentation by Amy Stark, LCHHS Adult and Disabilities Supervisor.

- Amy gave a Birch Tree Center update. She said that the Region was receiving an award in December for all of their hard work (which includes six counties and three tribes). Next steps: the Birch Tree Center and the Wellstone Center are using the “Hub and Spoke” model: the hubs are the two Centers and the spokes will be the places that use telepresence.
- In September, a new formula was introduced to distribute mobile crisis response funding to counties/regions – it is now based on land mass first (not population). The Arrowhead Region will greatly benefit from the new formula – we should be able to accomplish a lot with more funding (245%). The Metro cities were not happy with the new formula. This is a one year grant, but they don't foresee changing it back.
- Home and Community Based Services (HSBS): Amy gave an overview of where we are now and how we got here. The Jensen Act is a person centered act. The Age and Disability Wave is coming soon. A lot of elderly folks and not enough people to care for them. The entire HCBS system has been revamped. They have one assessment tool now called MNChoices, which is used for all clients (not specific to DD, CADI, etc.). Rule 245D licensing has also changed, especially with new rate setting tool and provider standards. HCBS is everything that comes before a nursing home or hospice admission.
- The Lake County DAC, Community Partners and Food Shelf are looking for new buildings. The current facilities do not meet all of their needs (lack of space, visibility, accessibility, etc.). The DAC is interested in the Credit Union building and Community Partners and the Food Shelf are looking a building on 1st Avenue in Two Harbors. The 1st Avenue site might work since there are apartment rentals on the second floor.
- Waterfront Center: The consumer run center needs more support. LCHHS has asked HDC to come up with a plan to help support consumers at the Center. LCHHS is hosting an open house next Tuesday to brainstorm ideas on how to improve the Center. Looking for lots of people to attend and bring ideas. Ask the question: what do consumers want/need? Pizza and refreshments will be served! Roxanne would like to see a “drop in” center in Silver Bay. The Waterfront Center is primarily used for people with mental illness, but maybe the Silver Bay's center could be for the entire community. Roxanne sees this as a huge need for Silver Bay residents so people can stay in their homes and community longer, and get out of the house (not be isolated), for socialization, and to bring young and old together. Have bingo for any age, media room, popcorn always on... Maybe the MH Task Force, mental health providers, Golden Agers, NSAP, Honor @ the Claire Nelson Center would be willing to look into this? The Claire Nelson Center is a big hit!
- Amy has resigned from LCHHS. She will be missed.

2. Approve Agenda and August 17, 2015 minutes. **Tabled**

3. **Membership Efforts – All Tabled**

- Approve 2016 Local Mental Health Task Force membership (see attached)
- Approve 2016 Public Health Task Force membership (see attached)
- Advisory Committee membership expires on December 31, 2016
- Accept resignation of Melissa Frohrip, effective November 16, 2015

3. 2016 Meeting Schedule Discussion (dates, locations, time). Next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27th at 9 a.m. at the LCSC. The remainder of the 2016 meeting dates will be decided at that meeting.

4. Local MH Task Force and Public Health Task Force Updates: No updates

Meeting ended at 10:05 a.m.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, 2015, at 9 a.m. at the Lake County Service Center, Two Harbors.**

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Jones, LCHHS