

**Hardin County MHDD Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2019
Friendship Club, Iowa Falls**

Members present: Bev Dirksen, Michelle Lauchner, Cheri Manning, Mary Swartz, Kathy Hanzek, Tim Rogers, and Alison Brennan. **Members Absent:** Jim Johnson, Theresa Scholte, and Mary Nelson. **Also present:** Linn Adams.

Board Membership. Adams called the meeting to order and reported that Johnson, Swartz, and Rogers were reappointed for 3 year terms by the Board of Supervisors. Nelson was appointed to the Board to complete the balance of the term of Mary Rosendahl (who resigned earlier) as a provider representative on the Board.

2019 Officers. Swartz moved, Manning seconded to re-elect Johnson as Chair for 2019. There were no other nominations. All voted to elect Johnson. Swartz moved, Manning seconded to elect Dirksen as Vice-Chair for 2019. There were no other nominations. All voted to elect Dirksen.

Vice-Chair Dirksen took over the meeting in the absence of the Chair. Introductions were made.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Manning moved, Swartz seconded to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2018 meeting. All voted aye.

Service Spotlight- Access TLC. Tamra Halter, Coordinator of the Transitional Living Center (TLC) operated by Access in Iowa Falls, provided information about the program. Data was also reviewed from the annual report regarding all of the TLCs that the CICS region has started. The Iowa Falls TLC had 21 admissions during FY 18. Tamra also answered questions of the Board.

Regional Advisory Board. Rogers reported on the meeting that was held January 8th. Wendie Cooper was elected Chair and Linda Romaro elected Vice-Chair for 2019. Tim also reviewed the Annual Report and Service Coordination Annual Report that were presented. Tim will be able to represent Hardin for 2019 but will need to be replaced after that since he will have served the maximum (6 years) allowed by the Bylaws. Nelson can continue to serve.

CICS Local Designated Funds. There was further discussion regarding the availability of local designated funds for FY 19 through CICS. The guidelines that were approved by the CICS Governing Board for this were reviewed. The amount for FY 19 is \$50,000 per county. These funds cannot be used in a way that will result in an ongoing commitment of funding. Adams reported that utilizing these funds for a bus does not seem feasible at this time for various reasons. Brennan, Swartz, and Adams reported on a recent meeting of MH providers with the school regarding a recent student suicide. Adams presented a draft letter and request form to send to providers and organizations who may wish to present a proposal or request for some of these funds. Manning moved, Rogers seconded to approve the draft and process as outlined in the draft letter and form. All voted aye. The letter will go out next week. Manning moved, Brennan seconded to approve the committee as outlined in the letter to include Swartz, Hanzek, and Adams. They will meet to review projects submitted and make a recommendation to the Director. Information will be provided to the full Advisory Board

regarding projects funded. If there are not adequate proposals for the first round we may need to do a second round in the spring.

Regional and Local Issues/Updates:

- **Service Coordination.** Adams provided brief review of the Service Coordination Annual Report (FY 18) that was prepared by Adams and Betsy Stursma (CICS Coordination Officers). The full report will be emailed out to Board.
- **Mobile Crisis Response.** Mobile crisis responds to approximately 70 crisis situations each month in CICS. In December there were 2 such cases in Hardin. The most calls are in the middle tier (Ames area).
- **Transitional Living Centers (TLC).** Previously discussed. The new MGMC TLC/CS opened a few months ago.
- **Individual Placements & Supports (IPS).** This pilot for rapid employment of individuals is an evidence based practice. Has been somewhat slow getting started. The IPS worker (Katie) resigned. They now have a permanent replacement (Hope).
- **Friendship Club.** Coordinator Nelson is on medical leave currently. Kathy Vitasek and Parker Manning are coordinating in her absence.

Next Meeting and Schedule. The consensus was to set the following dates for the 2019 meetings: April 19, July 19, and October 18. All meetings will be at 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Club in Iowa Falls.

With no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.