

Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

03/08/2017

12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Avery, Tim Kennett, Phil Tegeler, Scott Etherton, Ruth Lavin, Arnold Remington, Gail Anderson

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Terri Burchess

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Cardwell

OTHERS PRESENT: Debra Haeffner

Advance public notice of the Advisory Board Meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site on February 28, 2017.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes of the February 8, 2017 Advisory Board.

Motion: Avery moved Tegeler seconded approval of the February 8, 2017 Advisory Board minutes. Avery, Kennett, Tegeler, Etherton, Lavin, Burchess voted yes. Remington and Anderson were absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Remington arrived at the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

II. Introductions

III. Mental Health Crisis Center Current Status

- a. Staffing:** There is one mental health technician position open. It will be introduced in-house and then to the public as necessary. Currently Dr. Roy has been on vacation and coverage is being provided by Dr. Hartmann as well as Dr. Siddiqui. Contract for the latter is going before the Board on Tuesday. Another psychiatrist, Dr. Nadala, is being considered for the coverage pool.

Anderson arrived at the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

- b. Building Update:** Electric locks continue to be looked at as some are still non-functioning and/or deemed inappropriate for application being used. The proper entities have reviewed the current products and we are awaiting report on repair/replacement. Warranty for the locks are being re-visited. A discussion is currently underway with

Public Building Commission and Purchasing regarding the warranty on the building at large as there are still issues to be worked out, e.g., the proper operation of the HVAC system.

IV. County Board Agenda Items

- a. **Budget: Service Based budget has been adopted by the County Board and they are asking all Departments to present a budget that defines what services are provided and what percentage of the budget corresponds. Given some hard budgetary lines in the coming year(s) it will be important to flesh out what is essential to the service mission. This change will also change the process of the budget hearings. Department heads will be allowed more time before the County Board for discussion.**
- b. **Electronic Health Record Software: Key players will participate in a conference call on 3/15/17 and more information will be available regarding timelines and criteria. The Commissioners meeting will take place on 3/16/17 and contracts will again be discussed. Credible continues to look promising. We currently are paying \$4,800 monthly to Heartland to host until the switch of EHR providers is completed.**

V. Miscellaneous

- a. **Therapy Dog: Eddie is a hit over at The Bridge Behavioral Health! He has been incorporated into that therapeutic milieu very nicely with two staff who are trained handlers. Eddie is an Accredited Therapy Dog and received his certification after eight months of training with the Domesti-Pups program. He is a worker dog and needs down time just as people do. This venture, funded in part by Region V, will benefit the Crisis Center as well. Eddie has made a couple of visits here with his handler from The Bridge and was very well received. The Crisis Center is in the works of naming two handlers to be trained so that Eddie can provide the same therapeutic benefits to the clients here.**
- b. **Kansas City Assessment Center: No further discussion has taken place about how an operation of this nature would fit into the current structure of services in Lincoln. Look for Community Health Endowment to schedule a future meeting to this end.**

Motion to adjourn by Remington, second by Tegeler. Meeting adjourned at 12:52pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 12, 2017 at noon

LOCATION: 825 J Street