

Mental Health Crisis Center Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

08/09/2017

12:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terri Burchess, Tim Kennett, Phil Tegeler, Scott Etherton, Bill Avery

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Anderson, Ruth Lavin, Arnold Remington, 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 August 8, 2017.

The Chair noted the location of the Open Meetings Act and opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes of July 12, 2017 Advisory Board.

Motion: To approve the July 12, 2017 Advisory Board minutes called for by recording secretary. Roll call vote of Burchess, Kennett, Tegeler, and Etherton, all ayes. Motion carried 4-0.

II. Mental Health Crisis Center Current Status

Bill Avery joined the meeting at 12:18pm.

- a. Building – Warranty Items Meeting ~ Held June 20th.** Issues with the locks are still out there. The Public Building Commission and maintenance are involved. The window peeks are in the process of being shipped and will be installed once all are available.
- b. Chairs –** New chairs arrived with the ability to be weighted up to 100 lbs. Currently they are filled to 70lbs. They will be re-assessed after a week's use to see if further weight needs to be added.
- c. Heritage Health –** Medicaid continues to be a work in progress. We are still working through changes in the billing system and issues with the electronic submission of claims. Finding the cause of decreased reimbursement is a trial and error process.

III. Electronic Health Record Software

- a. **Credible Status:** At this time the contract is in the hands of the County Attorney for final review.

IV. Miscellaneous

- a. **Fremont Medical Center** – A second meeting was held. Agreement to use this facility as a placement for further stabilization for inpatient commitments has been decided. The Mental Health Board will be having hearings tomorrow and if a subject is ordered for inpatient commitment this may be the first test case for placement at this Fremont hospital.
- b. **LRC/DHHS & EPC Numbers** – Annually the Department of Health & Human Services looks at the statistics of the Emergency Protective Custodies (EPC) placements. Some confusion can present itself with the differences of opinion/knowledge regarding the meaning of these numbers. Region V representative, Kristin Nelson, has been working with the parties involved as well as the governor to assist all to gain a better and consistent understanding of what the actual numbers mean by looking at all of the EPCs, Mental Health Board holds, and so forth. This is necessary as the numbers alone do not explain themselves well enough. Access the following for more information: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/BusinessPlan.pdf>
- c. **Eddie The Therapy Dog** ~ The implementation of Eddie into the Crisis Center's therapeutic milieu has been delayed. Eddie needs to refresh his repertoire before adding an additional venue. We will be looking forward to his successful completion of CEUs.
- d. **Medicare re-validations** were submitted for this facility. Some additions were needed and a re-submit will be done.

Motion made to adjourn by Avery and second by Burchess. With a roll call vote, meeting adjourned at 12:55pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: September 13th, 2017 at noon

LOCATION: 825 J Street