

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of May 10, 2011**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Robert Rafferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Lehrke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amber Yares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Herzog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anja Kuehne-Welsh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laura Weber	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Bauer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Rupp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edward Simonet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Julia Beagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffery Treague	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Schwarten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Stanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Rostron-Ledoux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regina Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Danni Schifsky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Ashe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marjenia Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pam Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Guests: Traci Thompson, Rick Backman, John Nalezny.

Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Motion was made by Amber Yares to approve meeting minutes of March 8, 2011. Motion carried. Introductions included two new members, Marjenia Williams, and Commissioner Lehrke.

Review of Mission and Scope

Cindy distributed handout to all members present detailing the purpose of the Mental Health Advisory Council. Annually, the committee should 1) arrange for input from the regional treatment center's mental illness program unit regarding coordination of care between the regional treatment center and community-based services; 2) identify for the county board the individuals, providers, agencies, and associations as specified in section 245.462, subdivision 10; 3) provide to the county board a report of unmet mental health needs of adults residing in the county to be included in the county's mental health plan, and participate in developing the mental health plan, and; 4) coordinate its review, evaluation, and recommendations regarding the local mental health system with the state advisory council on mental health. The county board will then consider the advice of local mental health advisory council in carrying out its authorities and responsibilities.

There was brief discussion of mission and scope by board members. The committee is currently given an overview of Regional Treatment Center programs every other year, and this will be completed again in 2012. Our committee minutes are currently shared with the State Advisory Council. Therese Gilbertson and Linda Stanton will be reviewing a Resource Directory to share with the Committee at the July 2011 meeting. Amber Yares also volunteered to help with this review. Discussion also included outreach, education and prevention, unmet needs, and what the committee is mandated to provide to the County Board.

Update from Dan Parnell

Dan Parnell recently returned from training in Denver, Colorado with the Department of Corrections. He is part of a team of three people working on building a crisis intervention training program based on the 1980's Memphis Model. This training will be used by the DOC in training officers to deal safely and more effectively with the mentally ill population. Currently, twenty-five percent of inmates have mental health issues. This will be a weeklong training and will target people who would benefit from it the most. Training will include education, discussion, skill building, and role playing with actors. The goal is to be ready for training by July-September of 2011. The training program will be implemented first at MCF/Stillwater.

CIT Training

Committee members received a copy of letter written to Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, in response to his letter sent to the Board of Commissioners in January of 2011. The Board thanked the committee for their work and encouraged continued feedback and communication through meeting minutes and workshops. The board recognized committee efforts in the CIT training of officers in Washington County.

Committee members discussed future crisis intervention training and funding resources. Rob Rafferty indicated the United Way as a possible resource for training funds for CIT Training. An application would need to be completed before January of 2012. If an award is granted, funds are generally dispersed in the spring. Cindy Rupp indicated that Andersen Corporation may be a funding resource if requested from a private organization like NAMI. Julia Beagan indicated the committee could also check with local civic programs that might be willing to contribute for CIT training of officers.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion was made by Dan Parnell to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. and seconded by Robert Rafferty. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson