

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of September 14, 2010**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Robert Rafferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Eisenmenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristy Hoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Herzog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anja Kuehne-Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gary Kriesel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Bauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Rupp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Edward Simonet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Julia Beagan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeffery Treague	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathleen Downing	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danni Schifsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests: Laura Weber, Human Services, Inc.

Cindy Rupp called the meeting to order in the absence of Kristi Hoff, Chairperson. Motion was made by Jeremy Jenkins to approve meeting minutes of July 13, 2010, and seconded by Regina Walker. Motion carried.

Training for Law Enforcement

Dan Parnell discussed the need for law enforcement training for Washington County officers to help them deal with mentally ill individuals in the community. He stated there was a recent crisis in Minneapolis where a mentally ill person was shot with a taser. Washington County did send a few officers to crisis training a few years ago. The training was beneficial, but there are current budget restraints and no grant money is available to help with expenses for such training. Cindy stated that Ramsey County currently has a 40-hour training which involves role-playing and how to handle situations with mentally ill individuals. They have open slots, training is inexpensive (about \$500 per person), and 5-10 officers a year could go through this training, but staffing could be a problem. There may be other options available for training, including contacting NAMI or United Way and raising money for training. Regina, Rob, and Amy volunteered to head up a sub-committee to look into possible funding and training options for law enforcement officers in Washington County.

Budget Update

Cindy Rupp indicated there was a 0% increase approved by the Board and we don't know the impact yet for 2011. The LAC discussed options from information provided by Laura Weber and Bruce Eisenmenger from Human Services, Incorporated, for reducing \$72,700 from the Mental Health budget for 2011. The Committee learned that there are two options, Plan A and Plan B. Plan A, if we receive grant money, would involve no lay-off of staff, but would involve eliminating the current Peer Mentor Program and begin using Certified Peer Specialists. The Certified Peer Specialists would be able to generate revenue as their services would be reimbursable/billable. A SAMSA Grant (SAMSA is a Federal program) could pay for start up and implementation of these Peer Specialists. The current vocational provider would work with consumers on reimbursable services through Social Security Program. Services would be focused more on competitive employment in the community.

Plan B involve reducing services and qualifications. Resources would still be available and clients would be referred to services in the community which could be beneficial. The Committee reviewed both plans and were unanimously in favor of Plan A.

Cindy informed committee that we are still in the running to receive Robert Wade Johnson Grant for Peer Specialist. Consumer Survivor Network will be doing Peer Specialist training at HSI. This is a recovery-based philosophy and there will be two more trainings. Bruce will send e-mail out if anyone interested in attending.

NAMI Walk

Rob Rafferty reminded members and handed out brochures for the upcoming NAMI Walk on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at Minnehaha Park, Minneapolis. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Human Services, Incorporated, will be providing bus transportation. Rob said the Washington County team will be meeting in the picnic area of the park after the walk for hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. There is a link on website if wishing to donate to Washington County Team.

Review of Applications for LAC

Cindy explained to the members that we have two applications to make a recommendation for the open slot on the LAC. Since our current Chair, a District 4 Representative, will be leaving at the end of her term in 2010, it was decided one of the applicants, Margenia Williams, would be the committee recommendation to fill the District 4 Representative opening in 2011, and Erica Ashe, People, Incorporated, would be the committee recommendation for the vacant MH Professional opening. There will need to be a new Chair vote at the next committee meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion was made by Danni Schifsky to adjourn meeting at 5:15 p.m. and seconded by Julia Beagan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson