

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of September 13, 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laura Weber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 Levorson	<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"/>	Lydia Engle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Guests: John Nalezny, Jodi Hilber, Katie Pape, Therese Gilbertson, Traci Thompson, Rick Backman, Mary Severson

Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Motion was made by Dan Parnell to approve meeting minutes of July 12, 2011, seconded by Laura Weber. Motion carried.

Update-Mental Health Resource Committee

The Resource Committee contacted Public Health and determined we will be able to add to their existing booklet of resources in March of 2012. 211 was contacted and it was determined resources are updated, there is no fee, and you need to access by zip code. It would be helpful to add zip code information to county website as some clients may not know their current zip code. The next step for the Resource Committee will be to meet again in January to decide what resources we would like added to the directory and/or 211.

Board Presentation

Cindy Rupp asked the LAC if there was interest in making presentation to County Board on unmet needs, recommendations and/or advice. The LAC decided not to make a presentation at this time, but may do so at a future date.

Transitioning Youth (18-21) to Adult Mental Health Services

Jodi Hilber, Katie Pape, John Nalezny, and Traci Thompson gave a presentation on transitioning youth services available through Washington County Community Services and HSI. Services offered are for those clients 18-21 who are out of the home or state wards. There are a number of barriers transitioning youth face including lack of family and community supports, difficulty dealing with education services, employment, and housing. Members from Children’s Mental Health, Adult Mental Health, and Child Protection/SELF collaborate to provide resources to help youth transition into adulthood. TAG is Transition Advisory Group which meets 1x monthly for resource sharing and consultation to help implement fostering connections with workforce, housing, life skills, community mental health programs, Homefree, etc. They also discuss whether Child Services or Adult Services would better serve certain youth.

At the age of 17 ½, youth are sent a letter of notice of foster care benefits available after the age of 18. They must request services before they age out of foster care at 18. Youth must be working toward their GED, working on post high school classes, working 80 hours, or working with program to help find work. They need to be working on a plan unless they are unable to because of a medical problem or disability. Youth now attend Placement Team so they can be part of the team discussion regarding placement services. SELF/Chafee funds are available for youth ages 14-21 that have experienced a county approved out of home placement and have or will most likely age out of foster care. Typical uses SELF/Chafee funds are for transportation costs to support their SELF-plan, driver's training, education, employment supports, tutoring, and lock boxes for vital documents. These funds helped approximately 32 youth last year.

NAMI Walk

The NAMI Walk will be on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. Forty percent of the money raised comes back to Washington County to help pay for Bridging services that provides furniture for clients in need. Amber Yares volunteered to Chair for Team Washington County. She indicated you can sign-up, donate through the website, or contact her if interested. She will indicate on website where to meet and is looking for possible transportation volunteers. There are free metro transit/light rail bus passes available on line at NAMI Walks.

Update on Changes as Result of Legislative Session

The county is required to provide input from the LAC on unmet needs in our Adult Mental Health Grant that is due in October. The group decided they would mail in their assessment of unmet needs in Washington County. The information will be compiled and reported to the State.

Other

Dan Parnell indicated that due to the State shutdown, work on Corrections CIT training has been delayed.

Meeting Adjournment

Motion was made by Rob Rafferty to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. and seconded by Linda Stanton.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson