

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes of January 13, 2009**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Jerry Beedle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Eisenmenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristy Hoff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Herzog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anja Kuehne-Welsh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gary Kriesel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Rafferty	<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"/>
Kathleen Downing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Guests:** Therese Gilbertson, Traci Thompson, Ann Meyer, and Mike Tevik.

Meeting called to order by Robert Rafferty at 4:08 p.m. Motion made by Julia Beagan to approve meeting minutes of November 18, 2008. Motion was seconded by Dan Parnell.

Review of LAC Handbook

Rob Rafferty reviewed the current LAC handbook and noted the changes made from the previous version. Request was made to review Robert's Rules of Order which is the parliamentary procedure recommended when formal LAC action is needed.

Development of 2009 LAC Work Plan

An active discussion occurred which identified several concerns and/or ideas for the LAC to consider as part of its 2009 work plan. The LAC decided the top five which received the most votes from members with voting rights will be the priority for 2009 (as listed below). LAC members identified unmet mental health needs are of great importance.

The following are all concerns/ ideas, listed by priority with the number of votes:

- Psychiatry Options (6)
  - Update on medications
  - Update on psychiatry state of affairs
- Warm Line Services (6)
- Dental Care (5)
- Mental Health Services for Washington County Inmates (4)
- Youth Transition Services (3)
- Community Outreach for Mental Health (2)
  - Partnering with Lakeview Hospital, HSI, County, and/or Stw Medical Group
  - Diamond Project
- Children Mental Health Collaborative Updates (2)
- Review of Employment Opportunities (2)
  - Workforce Center Programs
  - Partnering for Jobs Program
- Chaplain Program with Crisis Teams (2)

- Day Treatment Program – Adult (1)
- Day Treatment Program – Children (1)
- Uninsured Options for Care (1)
- Veterans Update (1)
- Collaboration With Children’s Mental Health and School System (1)
- Certified Peer Specialist Program
- Commitment Procedures
- Waiver Services
- Housing Maintenance
- Regional Treatment Center Update
- Managed Care
- St. Croix Courage Center Svs
- Case Management Updates
  - Adult
  - Children
- Economic Assistance
- Tax Support

As part of the work plan discussion, purpose of LAC was reviewed. The LAC reports to the Board of Commissioners and the purpose is to inform the Board on relevant mental health issues. Information may be shared with the Board through LAC minutes, presentations, and workshops.

#### Other Updates

Linda Eckhardt shared information regarding University of Minnesota’s program to treat individuals experiencing their first episode with psychiatric symptoms. Individuals receive treatment and medications at no cost to them. In some situations, the program may assist with transportation.

#### Future Agenda Items

More information regarding budget changes will be available at time of the next LAC meeting. Budget updates will become an ongoing agenda item as changes and reductions are anticipated throughout 2009 and 2010.

Next LAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Kathleen Downing and seconded by Jeff Treague at 5:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Thompson