

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of August 11, 2009**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Jerry Beedle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Eisenmenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	Linda Stanton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Linda Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regina Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amy Rostron-Ledoux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Bauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

Guests: Rick Backman, Therese Gilbertson, Laura Weber, and Kathy Domagall.

Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Cindy Rupp. Motion was made by Jerry Beedle to approve meeting minutes from July 14, 2009, and seconded by Peggy Herzog.

Budget:

Cindy distributed to committee members a handout containing budget information for 2009 and 2010, explaining budget reductions for both years. Also distributed was a list of priorities and budget reduction/cuts recommended by council members who submitted their recommendations to Cindy prior to this meeting. Priorities recommended on list were services for keeping people safe including Crisis Services, Residential/Regional Treatment/Hospitals, Day Treatment, Family Based Services, Outpatient Medications, Outpatient Services, Case Management, Housing Subsidy, and Prepetition Screening for Commitment. Areas indicated for reduction and cuts in services included Transportation, Information and Referral, Client Outreach, Family Based Services, Community Support Program, Early Identification, Approved Pilot Project, Housing Subsidy, and Community Education and Prevention.

Members discussed across the board budget cuts, specific cuts to certain areas, and how cuts and funding decreases would affect services to specific areas. Members had questions regarding the use of volunteers, nonprofit agencies, and the possibility of seeking more grants. Rick Backman informed the committee regarding reduced funding for the Children’s Mental Health Collaborative and how budget cuts would affect Children’s Mental Health Services. There were questions regarding length of hospital stays, client insurance, and trends of clients seeking services.

Committee members indicated to they would like more information and knowledge regarding programs and services provided by the County. Cindy Rupp will incorporate information and program specifics into agenda of future LAC meetings so that all members can make better informed decisions regarding budget recommendations.

Other:

Reminder of upcoming NAMI Walk on September 26, 2009.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Kristy Hoff to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. and seconded by Jerry Beedle. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson