

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of May 12, 2009**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Jerry Beedle	<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 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"/>	Linda Stanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Eckhardt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regina Walker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests: Traci Thompson, Barbara O'Reilly, Ann Meyer, Renee Jenson, Jan Bluntz, Anna Mae Hogan, and speaker, Mark Anderson from the Barbara Schneider Foundation.

Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Robert Rafferty, Chair. Motion made by Jerry Beedle to approve minutes of March 10, 2009, seconded by Daniel Parnell.

NAMI Walk Update:

Rob Rafferty gave committee an update on NAMI Walk which will be on September 26, 2009. There was discussion regarding Community Services, Public Health, and HSI coordinating and working together as far as planning for the walk. Rob also mentioned that HSI would be providing bus transportation for consumers wishing to participate in the walk.

Mark Anderson, Executive Director of Barbara Schneider Foundation:

Mark Anderson, Executive Director, came to share information to the committee about The Barbara Schneider Foundation. The Barbara Schneider Foundation was formed in response to the death of Barbara Schneider on June 12, 2000, after police shot her during a confrontation in a mental health crisis call. Since then, the Foundation has worked with law enforcement, courts, corrections, mental health, social services, and health care systems to improve the response to those in mental health crisis and to prevent mental health crisis.

Mark gave the committee members a handout, *Be on the Team, Mental Health Crisis Prevention and Recovery*, containing a graph that shows the opportunities to prevent mental health crisis and support recovery for an individual with a mental illness. It shows potential stops on the journey through the system. The cycle also identifies the specific professions and individuals who can support recovery and prevent crisis. It explains the importance of Crisis Intervention Teams which partner all who support crisis and prevention recovery from mental illness; i.e., 911, police, sheriff, mobile crisis, hospital emergency department, inpatient and outpatient healthcare, criminal justice system, long-term county and nonprofit support programs, family, friends, community and consumers.

CIT Training is also available through the Barbara Schneider Foundation. CIT is taught using stop action, scenario based role-playing with professional actors. Classroom training is presented by community leaders and professionals, and participants learn skills that can be taken back to their workplace and applied to situations involving persons with a variety of mental health concerns or disruptive behaviors. CIT training includes how to react, practical knowledge, skills training, and de-escalation techniques that offer a more humane and calm approach to reduce the likelihood of physical confrontations and improved outcomes on

these calls. Washington County Sheriff's Office recently hosted CIT training for law enforcement and corrections staff.

The Barbara Schneider Foundation has been involved in the training of police officers and mental health professionals and in educating state and local policy makers, and has worked to improve the health care response to mental health crisis. BSF uses this training to build and strengthen collaboration between all systems that respond to persons at risk for mental illness. The result has been a more appropriate and effective mental health crisis response, improved officer safety and growing police/community partnerships.

County Budget Update

Cindy Rupp explained to committee that we are anticipating a \$200,000-\$500,000 cut in tax levy money next year. Each committee member was given a handout showing mental health brass codes, definitions for mental health services, and money that is currently budgeted to each area. Members were asked to review this information before the next meeting, as the topic of July's meeting will be to go over this information and discuss possible cuts/reductions which could be recommended to the County Board.

Other Updates

Cindy informed the committee there is a current request into the County Board for a Consumer Survivor Network position addition to the LAC Committee. If this is approved, Ann Meyer has volunteered to fill the position. Ann also reminded members of the Consumer Survivor Network Conference on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, and Wednesday May 20, 2009, at the Ramada Inn by Mall of America.

Commissioner Kriesel reminded committee that on Friday, May 15, 2009, a special memorial ceremony will be conducted by the Sheriff's Office to remember law enforcement and correctional officers who have died in the past year in the line of duty. This will be held at the Historic Courthouse from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kriesel introduced Colonel Barbara O'Reilly, MN National Guard, to the committee. She is an officer who is working on building a network of support for veterans returning from tours of duty. She explained the Yellow Ribbon Network which was formed to connect local military family members with citizens and organizations such as cities, townships, schools, churches, community groups, businesses, and government agencies that can provide assistance and support in various forms to family members including spouses and children. The Washington County Board recently passed a resolution of support for The Yellow Ribbon Network. The Yellow Ribbon Network of Washington County will build on existing strengths of organizations already providing support of service personnel and their families by adding to the community support and awareness for helping spouses and children in ways to lessen their burden while family members are deployed to protect our country.

Commissioner Kriesel stated that he received information from Dan Papin indicating a significant increase in monthly financial assistance applications since last year at this time.

Adjournment

Motion made by Jerry Beedle to adjourn and seconded by Jeff Treague at 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson