

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes of March 8, 2011**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>absent</b>
Robert Rafferty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Lehrke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Amber Yares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Peggy Herzog	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 Schifsky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erika Ashe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

**Guests:** Therese Gilbertson, Traci Thompson, John Nalezzy, and speakers Traci Bishop, HSI, and Donna Hemquist & Rebecca Broome, Washington County Correctional Officers.

Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Motion was made by Amber Yares to approve meeting minutes of January 11, 2011, and seconded by Rob Rafferty. Motion carried.

**Updates**

Rob Rafferty indicated that he spoke with United Way regarding funding needed for crisis intervention training for our law enforcement officers and they were receptive to the idea. Rob will discuss this with Cindy Rupp and will update committee on any progress at next meeting.

Traci Thompson and Therese Gilbertson updated committee on current MA expansion effective March 1, 2011, which involves CCDS and GAMC recipients converting to MA. MN Care conversion for clients will also slowly transition to MA over the next four months.

**Crisis Intervention Training** (Donna Hemquist & Rebecca Broome, Correctional Officers)

Donna Hemquist and Rebecca Broome, Washington County Correctional Officers, came to speak to the committee regarding their recent CIT Training sponsored by the Barbara Schneider Foundation. The training consisted of four ten-hour training days (40 hours). The training gave an overview of techniques to help in dealing with the mentally ill population. Role-playing with actors was part of the training to help officers learn how to deal with various situations, and included reflective listening and learning deescalating techniques. The course included medication education and side-effects, and information on TBI's and developmental disabilities. The training was described as educational, transformative, intensive, and exhausting. The officers said it was the best training they had attended and felt it was very beneficial. Currently, approximately 15 of 65 Correctional Officers have attended CIT training. The goal is to offer training to all officers.

**Early Childhood Behavioral Assistance Program** (Tracey Bishop, HSI)

Tracey Bishop spoke to Committee regarding the Early Childhood Behavior Assistance Program. This program was developed by a committee of professionals from HSI, ECFE, Washington County Public Health, Social Services, and Child Care Resource and Referral.

The program is designed to meet the needs of young children, 5 and younger, with ongoing behavior problems. They work with a lot of daycare and preschools who are having behavior concerns with a child. The program offers suggestions, recommends resources, and develops behavior plans for children. They also conduct workshops, in-services, and training for childcare staff and others working with young children. They also offer a 10 week child/parent class that allows parents the opportunity to discuss behavioral issues with other parents and seek ways to address concerns. While parents attend class, the children spend time learning about feelings and building skills to help eliminate bad behaviors. The next class begins March 21, 2011. The Early Childhood Behavioral Assistance Program sees approximately 50 children per year. They receive positive feedback from 85% and also see a 75% decrease in bad behavior. They are funded through donations, and recently received an expansion grant to hire an additional person.

**Other:**

At the January meeting, committee members came up with a list of priorities to concentrate on for 2011. A survey to identify the top three priorities was sent to members and survey results were distributed at the meeting. After a brief discussion, Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, indicated this could be discussed more in-depth at May meeting.

Another topic to be discussed at the next meeting is the process involved in adding Child MH Advisory members to current board to fulfill state requirements.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Motion was made by Rob Rafferty to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. and seconded by Julia Beagan.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Anderson