

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
Minutes of May 13, 2014**

NAME	present	absent	NAME	present	absent
Tracy Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Weik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amber Yares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Stanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Bauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Seiler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gail Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Mickelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Treague	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacy Kislenger	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Schwarten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Rostron-Ledoux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melva Radtke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pam Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lydia Engle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Beberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Perseke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Guests: John Nalezny, Jeff Treague, Traci Thompson, Mary Farmer-Kubler, Tommi Godwin, Lindsey Werner, Jesse Ellis

Called to Order: Jeremy Jenkins, Chair, called the meeting to order. Kris Roberts moved to approve the March 11, 2014 meeting minutes with a second by Ken Schwarten.

Affordable Care Act (ACA): Mary Farmer-Kubler, Washington County

Mary presented on changes to the Minnesota Health Care System as the result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) effective 1/1/2014. Below are highlights of these changes.

- Healthcare is a right and responsibility of every citizen per ACA.
- ACA requires one point of entry for application process. Minnesota is one of 14 states, which created their own point of entry for healthcare and are not using the Federal hub.
- MNsure is the point of entry for Minnesota and includes applying for:
 - MA: Increased limits...more people now qualify for MA
 - Need to select a Prepaid Medical Assistance Plan (PMAP) aka Type of Insurance Provider within 30 days. Some individuals can opt out of PMAP
 - MN Care: Smaller pool of recipients, as MA eligibility widened.
 - 1500 Washington County cases transferred from MN Care to MA as result.
 - Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC): 200-400% of federal poverty guideline; provides tax subsidies, which helps applicants offset their monthly premium cost.
 - Qualified Health Plan (QHP): 400% and up of federal poverty guideline; open market, no subsidy. Applicants can select from a wide variety of plans that meet their needs.
- Individuals not needing to apply via MNsure
 - Age 65 and older
 - Children in Foster Care
 - SSI recipients
 - Age 21 and over on Medicare with no dependents
 - Applying for Medical Savings Program only
 - Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MAEPD)
 - Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA) applicants
- New Terms:
 - MAGI: Modified Adjusted Gross Income: This is a tax term. New methodology for how income is calculated for the following populations: pregnant women and infants, children, caregivers, adults in MA expansion group. There is no asset test.

- Non-MAGI: Income and assets are calculated according to 2013 rules for the following populations: age 65 and older, certain people with a disabled basis of eligibility, people needing a certain type of Long Term Care (LTC) not available under MAGI-based Medicaid, dual eligible in the Medicare Savings Programs, people whose eligibility is based on receipt of other aid or automatically eligible (example=newborns).
- EHB: Essential Health Benefits (benefits all health plans must include)
- Eligibility and Application Process
 - If had MA prior to 1/1/14, did not need to reapply.
 - Preferred application process is online. Paper submissions have resulted in errors and becoming “stuck” in the system.
 - Recommended to use a Navigator for application process.
 - MNsure website lists all navigators: <https://www.MNsure.org/tools/locater/index.jsp>
 - Online eligibility can be determined almost instantly.
 - Once eligible, County manages MA only. County does not have access for eligibility of the other three MNsure programs.
- Challenges
 - Paper applications slow down the process; on-line application is encouraged and recommended.
 - County cannot always access where someone is at in the MNsure application process.
 - CFR is determined by residence on application and not CFR basis.
 - Many compatibility issues in the system.
 - As of 2/2014, Washington County had 700 pending cases. No new information has been generated to know number of pending cases to date.

ARMHS/Family Support Service – Nystrom and Associates: Lindsey Werner, MSW, LICSW and Jesse Ellis, MA, LMFT

- Serves Washington and Ramsey Counties
- Provides ARMHS and a variety of Mental Health Services

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update: Tommi Godwin, Dan Parnell, Traci Thompson

- Summary of series of three Behavioral Health Action Workgroup meetings led by Public Health as response to a community survey ranking Mental Health and Chemical Health in the top 5 areas of concern for the County.
 - Meeting #1: Convened a collaborative and different areas of interest within the attendees.
 - Meeting #2: Reviewed our group assets and formulated a goal for the group; discussed gaps in the systems.
 - Reviewed a framework for improvement.
- Objectives that came from the series of meetings.
 - Coordinate continuity of county services and behavioral health improvement.
 - Redesign the Collaborative “Landscape” in Washington County.
- Request to the LAC:
 - What would the LAC’s level of commitment be? Could the LAC send a member to future meetings? Could the LAC take part in a one-time meeting? Could the LAC lead a meeting?
 - LAC will review as a group what the level of commitment can be.
 - Tommi will communicate with Jeremy Jenkins, Kathy Mickelson, and Commissioner Weik regarding commitment and future LAC involvement.

Mental Health Awareness Month: Gail Burns, NAMI

- Green ribbons were distributed to wear in honor of MH Awareness month.

Adjournment: Linda Stanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amber Yares seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.