

# Mental Health Redesign and Implementation Task Force

Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex – Room 1045

Thursday, May 17, 2012

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Members: Karen Avery, Barbara Beckert, Pete Carlson, Héctor Colón, Kristina Finnel, Rachel Forman, Sarah Fraley, Henry Kunath, Cheryl Lofton, Paula Lucey, Jim Mathy, Mary Neubauer, Tom Nowak, Joy Tapper, Joe Volk, Peggy Romo West

Staff/Guests: Pat Bellitiere, Jennifer Bergersen, Jennifer Collins, Sue Gadacz, David Johnson, Jeff Weber

Welcome and introductions. Minutes approved for April 12 meeting.

Discussion of County Board resolution offered by Supervisor Romo West in support of a five-year plan for the prevention of sexual assault. Proposed Task Force inclusion of representative of mental health concerns for victims of intimate violence.

RFP processes are in the review phase for the Crisis Resource Center, Stabilization House, and Community Linkages and Stabilization Program. Notifications will be sent to vendors, and BHD will report its recommendations to the Committee on Health and Human Needs on June 20.

Update requested on status of \$3 million redesign allocation. Agenda item for June 21 meeting.

Transition of inmate health to DHHS still in progress after much research, discussion, tours, etc. Many hurdles left to clear, including filling four key positions and sorting out budgetary issues. Sheriff has ultimate responsibility for inmate wellbeing and may issue RFP if not satisfied with DHHS proposal. Meeting between DHHS and Sheriff on May 30.

Electronic Medical Record implementation ongoing. Electronic orders and admissions to be implemented by end of August.

Joint Commission mock surveys will be conducted by consultant this fall. Continuing to address points in 170-page action plan. Discussion of value of accreditation (i.e. community trust, “gold standard” for safety and quality, inclusion in nationwide data).

Jennifer Bergersen appointed to new position as Clinical Compliance Officer, managing BHD’s many licensures and regulatory obligations. Congratulations!

Discussion of ongoing Hilltop downsizing effort. Break down 66 clients into three groups (discussed at April meeting). All are eligible for Family Care, and 10-12 are currently enrolled. BHD leadership to meet with Family Care MCOs about how to move enrollees into community. Approximately 12-18 months to integrate initial group of 24 clients into community. Discussions ongoing with Hilltop staff about how to restructure facility in light of downsizing.

Community Linkages Action Team discussed alternative step-down housing model and will tour Community Advocates’ transitional housing program (part of Autumn West) on June 4. Peer specialist expansion: CDBG funding includes \$21,000 for NAMI to do training and certification for peer specialists, and some public service funding from CDBG may also be allocated to fund peer

support services by Jewish Family Services at Bradley Crossing. Employment issues being addressed, resources may be available to do significant job creation program for people with mental health issues, want to work with local nonprofits and other employers. Kristina Finnel (MHA) and Carl Lockrem (Grand Avenue Club) beginning discussions, welcome others. RFP to be issued for supported employment funding and technical assistance in conjunction with Johnson & Johnson project (follow-up with Cheryl Lofton, DMHSAS).

Continuum of Care Action Team discussed formation of discharge planning work group to include representatives from all systems with inpatient psychiatry. Each system designated representatives. Further clarification needed on charge, charter. Importance of ensuring that persons who are discharged from any system are connected with County services as necessary. Community Intervention Specialist (Community Linkages recommended position in Housing Division) eventually to be connected to work group. Limited time to discuss peer specialist expansion, need for higher level discussion. BHD submitting proposal to DMHSAS for \$22K grant for peer specialist training.

Nursing's Voice conducting survey of employers of psychiatric nurses.

Kudos to Linda White (Aurora Psychiatric Hospital) on being named Nurse of the Year by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel!