**Hennepin County Adult Mental Health Initiative**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**May 10th, 2018**

Present: Patrick Bayle, Rick Crispino, Mallory Hansen, Beth Scheetz, Jolene Peterson, Dianne Kelley, Tom Haselman, Todd Heintz, Martin Marty, Rosie Kolman-Stich, Dan Lontkowski, Barbara Tisdale, Karen Berg Moberg, Heather Bjork, Leon Flack, Mika Baer, Ryan Sandquist, Nicole Robbins, Pam Cole, Allen Henden, David Peeples, Kim Lutes, Shelly Zuzek, Julie Plante, Kim Flom-Brooks and Mallory Hansen.

Introductions/General Announcements

* Touchstone - Touchstone Mental Health presents a screening of Suicide: The Ripple Effect 5/29. To get tickets or for more information go online to: http://www.gathr.us/screening/23418
* Rick Crispino - The Minnesota State Advisory Council on Mental Health, in collaboration with NAMI Minnesota, has applied to host Mental Health Day at the State Fair on August 27, 2018. This is an opportunity to promote awareness, spread information, and engage a wide audience around mental health.
* Karen Berg Moberg - Science Museum of Minnesota has an exhibit called “Mental Health: Mind Matters”. For More information go online to: <https://www.smm.org/mindmatters>.

1800 Chicago Update

Martin Marty – presented an article from the Hennepin County Intranet titled “Stabilization unit is next step in model to serve persons with mental illness, chemical use” which discussed the next steps for 1800 Chicago on-site services. The program is to be operated by ReEntry House and will offer 16 beds for short term treatment. If there any questions, email Marty and he will forward to Jen O’Brien and Leah Kaiser.

HC Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC) Update - Rick Crispino, Co-chair

One of the desired goals of the LAC is that service providers have staff that reflect the population that they serve and Rick asked if there are any groups that are taking this on as one of their primary missions with the work that they are doing. Are there any community resources that can be called upon? Another area is the professional pipeline of the staff where people of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to enter mental health profession and what efforts are currently going on within Hennepin County?

Are there any leads or resources, speakers that can come to educate the LAC:

- Vail Place – created a diversity council. The council is facilitated and run by line staff and members from the Club House.

- Avivo – has something very similar with a diversity committee. The organization as a whole the employee base is over 50 percent people of color and the HR department is over 75 percent on their team. So in recruitment and training the diversity committee and HR team is really looking at this. In 2018 the PTO policy was changed by adding three floating holidays for use at the various holidays or celebrations that are important to people.

- Tom Haselman of HC ABH mentioned going through a series of interviews for MSW Interns and the top candidate was a person of color.

Rick Crispino – Does anyone have any contacts through MSW programs in the universities in town that are taking this effort in terms of their work reaching out to different populations?

- MHR – has a council of equity and inclusion. This group sponsors a group called Lunch and Learn. This group is given articles or information and it is then discussed. In addition a core group of staff is being trained to teach other staff on issues of race, racism and white privilege.

- The 6th Annual MN Black Women's Expo and Job Fair is on

Friday, May 18, 2018 at 11:00 AM through Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 6:00 PM in South Saint Paul, MN. For more information go online to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-6th-annual-mn-black-womens-expo-and-job-fair-tickets-34846296210>.

- The American Indian Family Center has a bunch of culturally specific resources.

If there is any more information that someone thinks of email it to Marty and he will forward it to the LAC.

Minnesota Mental Health – Resources/Initiatives – Kim Lutes, Program Manager

* Mental Health Minnesota is an education and advocacy organization that serves the whole state of Minnesota. For More information go online to:

<https://mentalhealthmn.org/>.

* Minnesota Warmline provides a peer-to-peer approach to mental health recovery, support and wellness. Calls are answered by our team of professionally trained Certified Peer Specialists, who have first-hand experience living with a mental health condition. For more information go online to: <https://mentalhealthmn.org/support/minnesota-warmline/>
* Peer-Led Support Groups - Mental Health Minnesota offers several programs and services that offer information, help and support to those facing a mental health concern. For more information go online to <https://mentalhealthmn.org/work/peer-support-programs/>
* Webinars - There is a series of continuing education webinar series called Beyond the Books: Mental health Recovery Webinar Series: For more information go online to: <https://mentalhealthmn.org/news-events/continuing-education/>

Ambassador Network - Ambassadors share their own lived mental health experience to inform the public about mental illness, inspire recovery and hope, and engage in public policy advocacy. For more information go to: <https://mentalhealthmn.org/get-involved/become-an-ambassador/>

Minnesota Mental Health has received a grant to conduct employment readiness classes where peers teach peers how to have jobs. The Grant is for anyone living with a mental illness and not just for peer specialist.

Behavioral Health Home – Vail Shelly Zuzek, Julie Plante

* Vail Place is a nonprofit organization that provides community-based recovery services for adults with serious mental illnesses.
* Behavioral health home - are a Medical Assistance (MA) covered service in Minnesota. For more information on Behavior health homes go online to: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6307-ENG>
* Vail Place launched Vail Care, a new behavioral health home services program provides a bridge to long-term health and wellness for people with serious mental illnesses.
* Vail Care is a voluntary service and available to those with medical assistance and a mental health diagnosis. Ideally this includes people who live with mental health issues but have enough relative stability to look for support and direction to address other health and wellness concerns. By focusing on long-term recovery, behavioral health home services programs like Vail Care help reduce costs, avoid emergency situations, and improve the lives of those with mental illnesses.

Here is more information: <https://www.vailplace.org/introducing-vail-care/>

Hennepin County Mental Health Housing Coalition Update – Patrick Bayle, Coordinator, MHR

* Patrick Bayle - At the Coalition meeting on May 9th, Mike Roth the managing attorney of HOME Line gave a presentation on the new section 8 ordinance that was implemented on May 1st in Minneapolis. Mike is optimistic that this ordinance will make a difference eventually. There is a lawsuit by a group of landlords pushing back on this ordinance, here is an article from regarding this: <http://www.startribune.com/minneapolis-landlords-push-back-against-section-8-compliance-rule/482120731/>.
* The coalition is also in the process of developing a web portal with the assistance of Hennepin County. This will be a place where all of the coalition’s documents, updates etc. There is plans to have it up and running sometime in July.
* New members joined the coalition representing Lutheran Social Services and Avivo. If you are at this table and you have someone from your housing department that you think would be an appropriate fit for the coalition contact Patrick or Martin Marty.

Round-Robin - Updates from Community Providers, DHS, Health Plans, County

* Touchstone – Touchstone’s Behavioral Health Home information: <https://www.touchstonemh.org/programs/behavioral-health-home-touchstone>
* Hennepin Health – There is a wellness Wednesday program once a month series that anyone can come. In addition there is a partnership with Touchstone and the fitness center
* Avivo - will be completely tobacco free in July on their properties. There will also be tobacco cessations resource available for staff and participants.
* MHR – is partnering with Avivo to be tobacco free at all of their sites. MHR is also acquiring Minnesota Alternatives.
* UCARE – is busy with the summer sponsorship opportunities. They will be partnering with the U of M with a mobile dental clinic. They also acquired a second bus of mammograms.
* Mental Health Minnesota has Standing Up to Stigma shirts for more information go to: <https://www.customink.com/fundraising/standinguptostigma>. There also is a 5K Run/Walk that will be held on Saturday, May 26 at beautiful Lake Rebecca Park Reserve in Delano/Rockford, the race will start at 9:00 am for more information go to: <https://mentalhealthmn.org/events/runwalk-mental-health-5k/>

**Next Meeting August 9th 2018**

**2:30- 4:00 pm**

Hennepin County South Minneapolis Human Services Center

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