

Region V+ Adult Mental Health Initiative

9:00 AM, Tuesday, August 31st, 2021

This meeting was held virtually via Webex

Executive Committee Meeting

Executive Committee Members Present:

Michael Steinbeisser	Todd County
Jeff Bowman	Morrison County
Tammey Stacey	Cass County
Nathan Bertram	Crow Wing County
Melissa George-Humphrey	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Nation
Britne Haasch	Wadena County
Tami Lueck	Crow Wing County
Julie Lambert	Consumer Representative- Morrison County
Kathy Hallbeck	Consumer Representative- Aitkin County

Others Present:

Patrick Kinner	Center for Behavioral Health Integration, LLC
Cathleen Scully	Center for Behavioral Health Integration, LLC
Danielle Wadsworth	Region V+ AMHI Coordinator, Sourcewell

Convene: 9:05am

Minutes of 8/3/21: Tammey Stacey motions to approve the minutes from the August 3rd, 2021, Region V+ AMHI Executive Committee Meeting. Jeff Bowman seconds the motion. No further Discussion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

9:00 am- Public Comments: None.

Reports

Fiscal Host Report

Tami will send the Final Fiscal Host Report once she receives it. There was a draft report shared with the Executive Committee.

At this time Safe Harbor has not submitted their invoice yet, but we have \$15,000 sitting there to leverage for when they do. It is important to remember they should be getting backpay for an individual approved for MA.

We will add Budget discussion to the agenda in October.

10:00am-12:00pm Region V+ AMHI Stakeholder Meeting

Michael Steinbeisser welcomed 28 attendees to the Region V+ AMHI Stakeholder Meeting to discuss gaps in service they are noticing and if there are changes to their reopening plans. Patrick Kinner from Center for Behavioral Health Integration presented an update on the Greater State of Mind Project, and we called for support in sharing the Consumer Representative Application with interested consumers.

Other Business:

- **Moving Services dollars**

A quick reminder there were dollars reallocated to Refractions startup costs from Moving Service dollars. Waiting to see the effects of the eviction moratorium lifting to decide on how to leverage the remaining moving services dollars.

- **Refractions IRTS Facility update**

Refractions received the Morrison County Statement of Need and is waiting to receive the Statement of Need from Region V+ AMHI. They are excited to find several locations fit their need with one they hope to put an offer on.

Refractions has been working towards filling the Clinical Supervisor position, Mental Health Professional position, Executive Administrator position, and Treatment Director. They are close to filling all positions listed above along with posting for Mental Health Practitioner positions soon.

Jeff Bowman has been working with area Hospitals, Law Enforcement, and Corrections and has received a positive response. Refractions is looking forward to being brought in on these conversations when the timing is right.

Next meeting with Refractions is taking place on September 16th.

- **Greater State of Mind update**

Patrick Kinner joined the Executive Committee meeting to gain a better understanding of the collaboration around the Region V+ AMHI and present an update on the Greater State of Mind Project. Patrick shared there was a great response with surveys, interviews, and focus groups from the community partners and consumers. There was a significant challenge trying to gain engagement with our Providers. We are able to draw meaningful information from the data collected, but there will be a shift on the focus for results. Initially the intent was to provide recommendations and results at a service level. With the limited data collected from providers we will be focusing the recommendations and results at a system level.

A report will be ready the second half of October. Center for Behavioral Health Integration is working with Sourcewell on how to present the report.

Data collection has ended for the project. If anyone has or knows of someone interested in participating, please reach out to Patrick or Danielle directly. Patrick opened the floor for questions and feedback.

Question: Has there been a pattern in the lack of Provider engagement on other projects Center for Behavioral Health Integration has been a part of?

Answer: In Patrick's experience with other projects, he did mention there has been a consistent resistance of engagement from Providers for reasons like the reasons Providers in our Region shared. The challenge we face with the Greater State of Mind Project was our ability to be compelling to Providers. We are not in a position to withhold funding if they don't participate like State level projects Patrick has been a part of. We did communicate the benefit this will have on them as an individual providing services and community partners supporting their work and consumers receiving the service.

- **Consumer Representative application update**

Danielle will send the Consumer Representative application out again with an extended deadline. Kathy Hallbeck shared there is a challenge with access to technology. It can be difficult to print the document out and scan back to email. Also, there is a lack of access to computers and smart phones. The Executive Committee asked Kathy to share with the LAC Group to contact someone on the Executive Committee to assist with this challenge should it arise.

We will bring this to the Stakeholder Group Meeting along with solutions for the technology challenges.

- **Wellness in the Woods VPSN 2022 Funding**

Jode Freyholtz-London reached out to us to verify funding dollars for 2022 for the Virtual Peer Support Network. At this time, we do not anticipate any changes being made to this contract. As we reevaluate the budget in the upcoming months, we will make sure providers are aware of any changes to their contract and 2022 funding dollars.

- **ICTS Rates**

One of our contracted Providers reached out to negotiate a higher ICTS Rate for a client requiring a higher level of care/service.

The Executive Committee brainstormed an idea to add a clinician rate to accommodate a higher rate submission for Contract Year 2022. Cass County is rural and may need a clinician rate (higher level of service rate for a higher-level professional). It would be nice to have that option.

If we increase the rate for one provider, we should do it for all providers. We will be meeting with ICTS providers in October. This would be a great discussion topic to add to the agenda.

Workgroup Reports:

- **Website**- Danielle, Tammey, Jeff, Melissa

Nothing to add. If there is anything that needs to be updated or added to the website, please let Danielle know.

- **Supportive Housing**- Nathan, Michael, Tammey, Danielle

Baxter Police Department, Lutheran Social Service, and Central Minnesota Housing Partnership met to address concerns with the White Oaks Facility and to stay up to date on what is happening.

There have been quite a few police calls bringing concern and awareness of safety. Two individuals have left the facility voluntarily. There is one eviction underway. 24-hour front desk support has been difficult to fill. Lutheran Social Service has implemented some changes to staffing allowing the Police Department to feel more confident with the facility moving forward. We will continue to see how these adjustments effect the facility and see if the safety measures improve.

Lutheran Social Service is looking for additional community events. Wellness in the Woods would be a great option along with Chemical Dependency Education.

If County makes a referral there, please make sure County Case Management Services remain open as Lutheran Social Service is not providing Case Management Services at White Oaks.

- **Survey**- Michael, Danielle, Nathan, Pam
Nothing to update.
- **Performance measures/goals**- Tami, Kim, Danielle
Danielle will send a doodle poll for this workgroup to meet and review performance measures.
- **Uninsured Case Management/CCBHC**- Tami, Kim, Danielle
Nothing to report.
- **Northern Pines Moving Services**- Nathan, Michael
Nothing further to report.
- **Transition Specialist**- Michael, Britne, Tami
Mike Willie had his first Regional Case Managers meeting. This meeting was held virtually. Mike's feedback was a large group in a virtual setting can be difficult to network and have collaborative discussions. Mike will join the Executive Committee for the October 5th meeting to provide an update.
- **Comprehensive Re-entry**- Tami, Pam, Nathan, Kim
Executive Committee asked if there was an update on Law Enforcement Care Coordination. At this time Crow Wing County is the only County in Region V+ taking this on. This program will begin September 1st. Other Counties are struggling with requesting payment upfront for anticipated future usage. It is difficult to gain Board approval with this approach.
- **Community Education**- Danielle, Jeff, Britne, Melissa
There was a request to have a Regional Commitment Training to help individuals keep up with changes taking place. Britne Haasch attended one in December, and it was incredibly helpful.
- **Acute Care and IRTS Services/Inpatient Capacity Building** - Nathan, Kim, Michael, Kathy, Danielle
Nothing further to report.
- **ICTS**- Nathan, Michael, Tammey
Danielle Wadsworth will send a doodle poll to providers and workgroup to get this meeting scheduled.
- **Hospital Collaboration**- Kathy, Nathan, Danielle, Tammey, Britne
Workgroup is scheduled to meet to determine measures for the Hospital Reps to pull to report on. Danielle will send a doodle poll for the Hospital Representatives and workgroup to meet two weeks after the initial workgroup meeting.
- **Mental Health Media Campaign**- Tami, Kim, Kathy, Michael, and Danielle
Danielle will send a doodle poll to schedule a meeting for the workgroup to begin discussion around initiating this effort during the Fall and Holiday Season. The workgroup will have to determine the dollars available and develop a plan for moving

forward.

FYI-Upcoming Trainings/Events:

No further trainings and events were reported.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:55am.

===== **Upcoming Meetings:** =====

The next AMHI Region V+ Executive Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, from 9:00am-3:00pm.

===== **AGENDA and Meeting Location** =====

To add an item to the agenda or to address the committee during the discussion of an agenda item, please make prior arrangements with the Chair or Coordinator. The Public is invited to participate in the "Public Comment section" of the meeting.

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