



POLK COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

BEHAVIOR HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 20, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Polk County Behavioral Health & Disability Services (River Place)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Annie Uetz (BHDS), Lorna Garcia (DMPD), Danielle Baily (5th IDOC), Rachel Adams (BHDS), Teresa Bomhoff (MindSpring), Gabbie Ruggiero (BHDS), Tracy Gryp (Full Circle Recovery), Patrick Johnson (Bridges), Jerry Evans (CJCC).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alyssa Wilson (Altoona PD)

GUESTS: None

ACTIVITY:

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Garcia.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

Inpatient Facilities

1. Hickory Recovery Network (HRN) has announced plans to open a 60-bed facility in Grinnell, Iowa, that will serve residents with 3.5 and higher Level of Care. Keri Powers, with HRN, has spoken to a couple Behavioral Health Subcommittee members about the needs that exist in this area. The members shared the need to offer services for youth and adults connected with the justice system, that a “one size approach” model will not work for everyone, and that they need to look for ways to get residents connected with their community. Lastly, there is a need for detoxification services. The funding model used by HRN in Indiana is supported almost exclusively through Medicaid.
2. Community and Family Resources is looking for funding to open Grays Woods Recovery Center on Easton Blvd. in Des Moines. If they are successful, they will offer 3.5 Level of Care for 24 men, 22 women, and 2 gender neutral residents. 16 beds for adolescents and 12 detox beds will be available.
3. Gabbie referenced Ivory Plains in Adair for anyone looking for detoxification services as well as inpatient substance use treatment. Ivory Plains offers transportation services to and from their facility.

4. There is also a treatment program from St. Louis, Ascension, looking to open a 100-bed facility in Pleasant Hill. Presently, not much information has been publicly shared so not much else is known.

Substance Use Disorder Resources

1. A need for walk-in substance use assessments after 2pm was discussed. Presently, the demand outpaces the availability of appointments.
2. The requirements for American Society of Addiction Medicine 3.1 Level of Care were recently increased to nine (9) hours per week from five (5) hours per week. The additional hours could cause staffing difficulties for agencies, limit how many clients can be served, and create conflicts with employment etc. for those receiving treatment.
3. A gap in services for individuals awaiting discharge from the jail was identified. Specifically, treatment readiness programming. Full Circle Recovery indicated they have begun connecting with individuals in jail and over 230 signed up to participate. Thus far, they have been able to connect and serve 38.
4. In summary, gaps identified included: detox beds, treatment resources for youth, increased capacity for walk-in assessments, 3.1 Level of Care for transitional housing, and residential beds for parents and their kids.
5. Your Life Iowa was identified as a good resource for finding what treatment options exist in the State.

NEXT STEPS

1. Discussed how to help educate others regarding the topics discussed by the subcommittee. Also discussed the possibility of inviting guests to the meetings to help address questions members have.

Closing:

1. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.