

Observer: Pat Blumen

Meeting Began: 7:05PM **Meeting Ended:** 8:20PM

Members Present: Jessica Sales, Chair; Mike Pierce, Vice-Chair, Karin Ruetzel, Jackie Haimes, Irene Zaya, Sandi Johnson, George Hall **Absent:** Becky Feiler

Staff Present: Jessica Wingader, Sarah Flax

Approval of Minutes of 6/14/18.

No Public Comments

Liaison Reports:

Sandi Johnson: Trilogy

Serving 20 – 25 Evanston residents engaging homeless, locating them for follow-up, offering services at places like Burger King, Panera, library; Once engaged in services, transferred to community outreach team.

Connections

Increased drop-in from 2 – 5 days offering shower, laundry, storage lockers, clothing room, case management; added 4 ½ direct service staff including a FT MH Specialist (LCPC) & registered Art Therapist; have a robust volunteer staff to assist with clothing, food and reception.

Jessica Sales: NSSC

New Older Adult benefits specialist; clinical director retiring; will visit next week.

Center for Independent Futures visited Social Hour held one Friday/month; very impressed.

Conflict Resolution sessions (12) for 9 participants going well.

Irene Zaya: Infant Welfare Society

Open 7:30AM to 5:00PM for ETHS and OCC students providing family advocacy, home visiting; have an Infant MH Consultant; providing intervention for MH Trauma in partnership with other agencies so that response time is less than 24 hours; concerned that the FamilyFocus building is for sale and that they may have to move.

Moran Center

31/61 students (clients) graduated high school.

Communication to City

Michelle Masoncup from City Legal Services and Kimberly Richardson from City Manager's Office, who were supposed to come to this meeting are now scheduled to be at the next meeting.

Questions:

- 1) Communication channels, particularly to Mayor
- 2) Explore advocacy role in regards to mission statement: "to promote & protect mental health..."

George met with Becky to discuss exploring MH Board role in educating persons about Mental Illness and how it affects people or pushing for legislation about mental health in the schools; Karin said she used to lecture to parent groups about children's mental health; Mike suggested designating a lead agency to seek a grant or advocate for money. Karin will contact MH America of the North Shore to see what their services are. Jackie and George to continue looking at the issue.

Question about the MH Board's relationship with the Health Department and the Human Services Committee; who do we ask about endorsing letters?

Boards, Commissions, and Committees Summit being organized by Devon Reid, City Clerk with Kimberly Richardson on Tuesday 7/17. Jessica will represent MH Board.

Staff Report

Jessica Wingader gave schedule for grant process.

Chair Report

Jessica Sales reported that 63% of respondents put the MH Board in the top ten in the Budget Priority Survey process. Some changes to questions on Zoom Grants: Jessica W. will send out again; agencies must attend meeting, submit a letter of intent and then apply for funds.