

Holyoke/Chicopee Site Board Meeting Minutes

PLACE: 4 VALLEY MILL RD, 3RD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM-HOLYOKE, MA 01040

DATE: 10/3/18 TIME: 2:30 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:40 PM MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:10 PM NEXT MEETING: ?? TBD	RECORDER: Brad Cole ATTENDEES: Doug, Terry, Jim, Kym and Melissa ABSENT: Denise Hannon Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: yes
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TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ASSIGNMENT/TASK	POINT PERSON	NOTES
Local MRC move	Jim mentioned that the local {Holyoke} office of MRC moved to 243 Cottage St in Spfld on 10/1/18. The new phone number is 413-736-7296. The new office can still be contacted via their Holyoke number at 413-536-8200. They are now co-located with DTA.	N/A	Jim and Kym	Also mentioned was; a new maximum obligation of \$1,000/yr for things like training, supplies or clothing for individuals. Because of their budget this is a decrease from previous yrs and the transportation funding was also affected. There is also now a 60 day processing list for new referrals. There is also the possibility of new enrollment criteria.
Adult Community Clinical Services {ACCS}	Discussed the new ACCS program which started on 7/1/18 with CHD being the provider. Discussed the components of the program, reduced census {compared to the previous CBFS program}, staffing issues, continuing care entities, etc.	N/A	Brad	<p>There continues to be a staffing shortage in several positions including; clinicians {LPHAs}, substance use counselors and direct care staff. Discussed the new Intensive Medical Group Living Environment {IMGLE} which is located on 21 Catherine Dr. in Belchertown. There is an open house there on Friday, Oct, 12 from 3-5 PM.</p> <p>Melissa mentioned the lack of communication with the new Behavioral Health Care Partners {BHCP} with the psych unit at Holyoke Medical Center. Some have arrived to visit a client who has already been discharged. Terry, from WestMass Elder Care, also mentioned a similar program that they have.</p>

Odyssey Clubhouse update	Discussed the average daily attendance {ADA} of a maximum of 27 {the clubhouse was funded for that number} and that typically they average in the low to mid -twenties. This is a huge increase from about 2-3 yrs ago when the ADA was in the low to mid-teens. They have also recently purchased new video equipment.	N/A	Brad	The new equipment can be used for their face book page as well as for tours of the clubhouse, orientation and possibly “special projects”. Odyssey also recently {in July} celebrated their 5 th year in operation.
VIBRA update	Discussed with the board that there has been no response {RFR} submitted by any agency/institution for taking over the contract.	N/A	Brad	The contract has been extended to 6/30/19. Melissa mentioned that the ballot question {#1} re nursing may be having an impact on this.
DMH “Community Conversation”	Doug, who is a member of the area board, mentioned that there is a DMH Community Conversation that will take place on 11/7/18 from 6-9Pm at STCC in the Scibelli room.	N/A	Brad or Earl Miller, Dir of Recovery, for DMH.	Earl Miller from DMH is organizing this and will help to facilitate. There will be a panel discussion that will focus on community resources. Melissa Perry mentioned that she would like to have one at Holyoke Medical Center at some point in the future. In the past {several yrs ago} she hosted two Community Conversations.
Brad Cole’s pending retirement	Informed the board members of my pending retirement on 11/16/18 which will be my last day of employment with DMH.	N/A	Brad	Mentioned to the board that I have been with DMH for 31 yrs and previous to that with DPH for nearly 4 yrs. I have been working in the mental health field for 42 years. Because of my retirement another site board meeting was not scheduled.

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