

# Holyoke/Chicopee Site Board Meeting Minutes

**PLACE: 4 VALLEY MILL RD, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM-HOLYOKE, MA 01040**

DATE: 6/13/18	RECORDER: Brad Cole
TIME: 2:30 PM	ATTENDEES: Brad, Doug, Terry, Kym, Melissa and DMH guest, Earl Miller
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:45 PM	
MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:10PM	
NEXT MEETING: 10/3/18 @ 2:30 PM	ABSENT: Jim M. and Denise H.
	Approval of prior Meeting Minutes: YES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ASSIGNMENT/TASK	POINT PERSON	NOTES
Director of Recovery, Earl Miller	Earl came to the site board meeting to introduce himself and discuss his role within DMH.	? tour of the Impact Center that Earl discussed with the group. Brad will send emails to the board members and to Earl, who is willing to set up a tour for those interested. Earl is also willing to send the board members information on various topics, which then the board members can share with their work, etc.	Brad Cole and Earl Miller	Earl discussed his own lived experience, as well as his professional experience at the RLC in Holyoke/Springfield, at CHD, and now with DMH since 1/2018. Part of his current role is to reinforce the mission of DMH which comes into play with orientation with new DMH employees. His role will also be supporting the new ACCS contracts/programs and the peer specialists embedded in ACCS. He is also part of the "Zero Suicide" initiative for the state, as well as involving himself in several trainings, including trauma informed care. At the area office, a new intern, Monica, from UMASS, is working with Earl to assist with writing the "strategic plan". Earl also discussed the Impact Center in Spfld for young adults for jobs, housing issues and education. There are two Impact Centers in the state- the other one is located in Worcester. Earl is also involved in the Community Conversations. The next one is on 11/7/18 from 5-9PM at STCC in Spfld. CHD may also be interested in hosting a Community Conversation.
Holyoke Medical Center update	Melissa P informed the group of Holyoke Medical Center's new Medication Assisted Treatment {MAT} program.	N/A	Melissa Perry	Melissa informed the group that Holyoke Medical Center now has a MAT program for opioid use issues, which includes Suboxone and Vivitrol treatment.

Hearing Voices Groups	Doug gave the group flyers that list Hearing Voices groups in the area.	N/A	Doug Arnold	Doug discussed the Hearing Voices group experience that was discussed at the area board meeting, which he is a member of. He gave the group flyers with times and locations of the Hearing Voices groups in several Western Mass towns/cities.
Veterans Lunch Program	Doug discussed the Veterans' Lunch Program in Holyoke.	N/A	Doug Arnold	Doug gave the group flyers re: the Veterans' Lunch Program in Holyoke. He informed us that this takes place on Thursdays, and about 70-80 individuals have been coming to this. It is located at a local Holyoke church where they also hold AA meetings.
Adult Community Clinical Services {ACCS}	Brad discussed the contract award to Center for Human Development {CHD}.	N/A	Brad	Reviewed some of the new ACCS components with the board, including: clinical services, family engagement, our new Intensive Medical Group Living Environment {IMGLE} which will be located in Belchertown, and some changes in case load sizes for the clinicians. ACCS will start on 7/1/18.
MRC updates	Kym discussed MRC moving and the DMH/MRC pilot project.	N/A	Kym/Jim	<p>Although Jim McAleer was not present, Kym, also from MRC, updated the board about a pending move {likely in 10/18} of the Holyoke MRC office to Cottage Street, in Springfield. This is due to their budget cuts. Because of this pending move, access to their new office may prove to be difficult for some individuals who live in Holyoke/Chicopee. Transportation and educational support costs are also being affected by their budget costs. The need to collaborate with other agencies including DMH and DDS will also occur in a more, robust fashion.</p> <p>Kym also told us that the expectations for their staff are that they will need to be more mobile, which means doing more mobile outreach.</p> <p>MRC is also looking into the possibility of "satellite offices".</p> <p>The DMH/MRC pilot project ends at the end of June. There is a wrap-up meeting to discuss the results in Westborough on 6/26. MRC is planning on continuing</p>

VIBRA update	Brad updated the board as to the current situation of VIBRA {our DMH unit in Spfld}	N/A	Brad	<p>their work with the young adult population.</p> <p>Brad informed the board that the VIBRA contract has been extended to 6/30/19. A new RFR will be going out.</p>
Next Board Meeting is on October 3, 20018 at 2:30 at WestMass Elder Care.				

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