MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 13, 2013
Administrative Center, Room 3220
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Monica Kruse, Jeanne Stevermer, Vickie Crews, Amy Atchison, Gary Kleinertz, Pam Bendel, Sue Anderson, Paul Brown, Mary Dahlby, Jane Latshaw, Sara Eckland, Jean Sterling, Wade Welper, Donna Christianson, Jen Timm, Joe Veenstra, Renee Nugent, Matt Strittmater

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kyara Tollan, Nicole Mooney, Dawn Jorstad, Chris Neumeister

OTHERS PRESENT: Cassandra DeHaro, Gail Elland

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Jeanne Stevermer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

We welcomed our new committee member, Joe Veenstra. Introductions were made.

APPROVE MINUTES
Motion by Anderson/Skolnik to approve the minutes of 04/11/13. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CCS ANNUAL PLAN
Christin reported the annual audit would be 07/11/13. We are working to get the charts in order, talking to vendors, and getting training lists updated. Matt Strittmater shared an updated Mental Health Recovery Services Guide to Services handout. The handout gives a description of the services offered through our department.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SECTION – WADE WELPER
Wade shared a PowerPoint presentation, which showed the various funding sources/programs offered. There is a coordination of services between special needs and mental health issues. Wade’s section currently has nine social workers, one social service specialist, and one limited-term employee who helps with referrals and setting up meetings with families. Wade’s section currently has 120 kids on the waiting list. Matt Strittmater reported there is a request in the 2014 budget to add eight additional staff. No county funding would be needed for the positions. Hopefully these additional positions will be approved in the budget and will certainly help whittle down the waiting list. The Birth to 3 Program is a mandated program – anyone who qualifies for this must be served. Matt reported that with the state budget that goes into effect July 2014 there will be $30 million included to provide mental health services. It’s his goal to move people off the waiting lists. Wade stated the waiting list now goes by the date a person is put on the list. They are looking at ways to jump the waiting list, such as there being an imminent risk of out-of-home placement for the child.

2013 OBJECTIVES FOR MHRS
Matt Strittmater shared a PowerPoint presentation, which showed what his objectives are. The agency sets goals on how we want to get better. Objectives include using the evidence-based practice, increasing the fidelity of supportive employment, initiating three strategies to engage families of consumers, and to become more of a data-driven organization.
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SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Jen Timm will give an update on the OQ-45 tool being used. A report on the CCS audit will also be made.

Christin reported we would not have a meeting next month because the CCS Audit will be held on our meeting date. Members are invited to attend the closing meeting when the auditor gives her findings of the audit.

ADJOURN
There being no further business, motion by Skolnik/Atchison to adjourn at 11:28 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2013.

Approved, 08/08/13, Gail Elland, Recorder