JCCMHFB Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 11, 2017  Time: 9:30 am  Location: Arnold office

Board Attendees: Jerry Rogers; Kelly Steffens; Ken Waller; Dr. Steven Crawford; Elizabeth Diveley; Stan Stratton and Mark Mertens.

Staff in Attendance: Sue Curfman, CEO and Margo Pigg, CBHO

Not in Attendance: Audrey Mitchell

Guests: Clint Johnston and Josh Isaacson

The quarterly meeting of JCCMHFB was called to order by Elizabeth (Beth) Diveley at 8:56 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

   The agenda was reviewed, no revisions were requested.

   Recommendations: “I, Stan Stratton, move that the December 11, 2017 agenda be approved as presented.” Mark Mertens seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

   The September meeting minutes were reviewed, no revisions were requested.

   Recommendations: “I, Ken Waller, move that the September 11, 2017 meeting minutes be approved as presented.” Mark Mertens seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Presentation of Diversion Model (Clint Johnston – Jefferson RVII Superintendent)

Beth Dively introduced Mr. Clint Johnston the superintendent of Jefferson RVII schools. Mr. Johnston presented to the board on behalf of the County Superintendents (11) for the 35,000 children of the county that are being impacted by MH issues. Mr. Johnston has met with Eric Ammons and many judges and will be meeting with JD’s because there are so many layers within the county and the superintendents represent these kids that don’t have a vote. Because of the changes in statues in the state and how documentation has to be done and in order to help a child they must be arrested to get that help. There are so many barriers and SRO’s have so many that the Juvenile Office cannot keep up with these and provide help to the children. The proposal looks at building an intervention team which would offer help to the kids before they get to the judges. It looks at diversion opportunities with the parents and giving them a person that can get them through the system. Mr. Johnston stated that the work has been going on for a year and provided a packet with a current model and a model that is provided. The model is one that would be repeated and expanded. Mr. Johnston stated that the current liaison program COMTREA offers is not working in his school district and there needs to be ways to intervene. Mr., Johnston stated that there is no Child Psychiatrist in Jefferson County and Mr. Johnston stated that a scholarship needs to be created to bring students in to that field. There are 4 components to the model. When a child starts to trigger they are placed in a STEPS or like program that works for the child that is their individual team. If the child still continues to have issues the intervention specialist would come in and work with the families and follow up on the services. The specialist will work as an advocate and move things forward for the family since some families do not know where to go to get help. Beth Dively asked what the expectations would be for the JCCMHFB. Mr. Johnston stated that it would be to put this plan in place and be able to bring back data and layering up. The model is just a restructure of how diversion would work and it would be a community
collaboration. Ken Waller asked how long would it take to work out and tweak everything to implement the program with the school year being half way through, what is the timeline. Mr. Johnston stated that when he and Stan Stratton started to discuss this platform and the lack of consistency along with the SRO’s that might be pulled out. Plan would be full implementation by the end of the school year in RVII since it is smaller and then replicate in the other schools. Matter of hire and job descriptions and who it would be reported to it and have Judge Missey with an oversight over the program. Jerry Rogers asked if there was a model anywhere that was being utilized. Ken Waller stated that the same issue has come up with the Susan Nuckols Program (SNTP) where the child had to go through the juvenile program to get help. However, this program has not worked as they expected and what are they missing, part is the reimbursement issue. Currently there are only 6-9 children attending this program a month and so the rate of return in investment is not there. Mr. Johnston wants to present to the council this plan once all the partners are at the table and show the inefficiency. Mark Mertens stated that some of the drug crisis and the closing of Athena. Sue Curfman stated that funding has been cut on inpatient and the focus is more on outpatient which this program is focusing on the triggers. Ken Waller stated that with SNTP is getting transportation to the facility and when the children aren’t at school it costs the school money. If the model gets the kids in school that is what is needed. Mr. Johnston stated that not all the answers are out there right now but every day the schools are dealing with issues and if the schools have an advocate that could get these students and families through the layers and the model will be changing since every child is different. Sue Curfman stated that a continuum of care could be established through the collaboration. Margo Pigg stated that a point person is the way to move people in and the navigator or inventionist will drive the bus and Margo Pigg feels that with all the changes we have to be willing to change models and this model could do that. Margo Pigg stated that retention on outpatient services has
increased. Mr. Johnston stated an example of a young child with MH issues and the parents not knowing what they can do and feels this is one of the biggest crisis that we are facing. Dr. Isaacson stated it is not just in Jefferson County this is a request state wide this new model may be breaking the mold. Dr. Crawford stated that by the time of the police report it is too late. Ken Waller stated that the public schools cannot turn away these children. Mr. Johnston stated that this is a structured plan.

4. Recommendation for FTE Mental Health Position (estimated cost of $60,000)

Recommendations: "I, Jerry Rogers, move that the JCCMHFB approve the addition of a mental health position for the proposed diversion program. The position will be paid from the children’s sales tax dollars. Ken Waller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Crawford asked for some clarification on what the role will be doing. Sue Curfman stated that it will be a county wide initiative with a 4 schools starting the role will be a LPC that will do an assessment and figure out the best intervention. The person would be a COMTREA employee that reports to an advisory board. Dr. Crawford stated so they will be assess and coordinate services with a navigator. The pilot would prove it works then expand. Dr. Crawford asked how the parents will be engaged and buy in. Mr. Johnston stated that parent involvement is necessary. Sue Curfman stated that the additional 4 SL were approved however the board needs to evaluate if the way we utilize School Liaisons is the most effective or does the program need to be changed. Stan Stratton stated that Mental Health issues have changed so much and agreed that the school liaison role needs to be reevaluated.
5. RFP Release Update

Beth Diveney provided an update on the RFP Release. Beth Diveney asked if everyone has approved. Stan Stratton made the motion to approve the RFP as presented and release schedule. Kelly Steffens seconded. The motion carried.

Beth Diveney explained the funding dates and how the first time around the dates will slightly different. Then the funding will occur annually on January 1\textsuperscript{st} each year. Ken Waller asked when the MH board makes the recommendation to the full board for the next fiscal year. Jerry Rogers stated that in April/May the recommendation will be made and figured in to the budget. Sue Curfman recommended at the next JCCMHFB meeting they will need to decide what they want to make the proposal amount for the RFP’s. Beth Diveney stated that with the first set of proposals there will be a good idea of what the needs are and what the amount will need to be and making the determination at the quarterly meeting. The RFP release will be placed in The Leader for the issuance.


Beth Diveney updated the board regarding questions around the funding and not having documentation on where all the funds are going. Amy Rhodes will now provide a financial report for the board to approve on a regular basis.

7. Approve COMTREA Board Actions

Beth Diveney stated that as a board the JCCMHFB needs to approve actions made by the COMTREA board.

\textbf{Recommendations}: “I, Mark Mertens, move that the JCCMHFB approve the actions of the COMTREA Board. Stan Stratton seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Old Business

There was no old business to report at this time.

9. Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss.

Recommendations: "I, Ken Waller move that the meeting adjourn." Jerry Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

☐ Minutes approved ____________________________
(Signature of JCCMHFB President) 3/12/18

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