

**Mental Health Local Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes from February 24, 2021  
Rice County Friendship House – Faribault, MN  
March 24, 2021, 12:00- 1:00pm**

**Membership:** (☒ = Attendance at today's meeting)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lois Cummings, Chair  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fran Davies, Children's MH Case Management  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Larson, Adult Mental Health Services                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jese Stam, Children's MH Case Management   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Giefer, Family Members<br>Diverse Community Representative | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Debnam, Adult MH Case Management  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Collective   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Wisdorf, Friendship House Coordinator  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tamara Domazet, Mental Health Professionals                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynda DeVine, Friendship House Coordinator<br>Heidi Banks, Friendship House Board Pres. |
| Faith Community, Pastor Jeff Sandgren   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christine Kern, LAC County Contact  |
| Sarah Hanson, Community Support Services  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Purfeerst, County Commissioner  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical Health Services   | <input type="checkbox"/>  |

Community Members Attendees: Sarah Dull, Kathryn Sherrick, Mary Jo Giefer, Cindy Larson, Pieter Volk, Sue Apling-Karow, Leah Hegg, Margaret Camplin, Robert Daun APRN, Lisa Benson RN, Kent Rommereim

**Guest Speaker:** Jamie Hayes SCCBI Coordinator

**Copies:** Membership; Mark Shaw, Social Services Director

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<b>Call to order</b>	The meeting was called to order by Lois at 12pm		
<b>Review &amp; Approval of minutes</b>	A motion was made to approve the minutes of the meeting.	Mary Jo 1 <sup>st</sup> ; Cindy L 2 <sup>nd</sup> , motion approved unanimously.	
<b>Additions to the agenda</b>	None		
<b>Announcements</b>	None		
<b>Guest Speaker: Jamie Hayes: Coordinator &amp; Grant Fund Manager South Central Community Based Initiative</b>	Jamie provided a brief history of the SCCBI and her position as Regional Mental Health Manager. Jamie manages the \$4.2 million dollar Adult Mental Health Initiative budget for the 10 counties in the South Central region of MN. The budget funds or supplements some AMH county case managers, a Clubhouse in each county, Stake Holders' bi-annual Conferences, Crisis Services, the Mental Health Conference held each Fall		

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(SCCBI)	<p>and some uncompensated psychiatric and housing services. More information on the SCCBI can be found at: <a href="http://www.sccbi.info">www.sccbi.info</a></p> <p>Update on Crisis Services. The SCCBI Crisis Center (SCCC) in Mankato MN has expanded to 16 private rooms. The Crisis Center will provide transportation if needed and they accept most insurances except Medicare. Jamie stated lack of insurance should not be a barrier to getting help with mental health symptoms and the Crisis Center can work with people on a payment plan if needed. The Crisis Center also offers Mobile Crisis Services that can provide crisis services in your home or meet you in the community. For more information on services available at the South Central Crisis Center visit <a href="http://www.horizonhomes.org/crisis-services/">http://www.horizonhomes.org/crisis-services/</a></p> <p>A recent crisis intervention approach was developed by the Initiative called Rapid Response, a coordinated effort by Crisis Services, hospital emergency departments and the SCCBI to enable a quick response to address client mental health needs in the event that inpatient psychiatric beds are filled by COVID patients. Crisis Services staff are taking an active role with hospital discharge planners to assess and provide the services that may be needed in the community to help assure mental health stabilization for these patients. Regional Counties are committed to addressing referrals from the Crisis Services Team for Adult Mental health case management by streamlining the Intake process. There has been outreach and training with the Rice County Sheriff's department and area police departments on the Rapid Resonse project and to improve the referral and response process to better serve people during mental health crisis. Video conferencing and iPads can be used by area law enforcement to assist them with connecting people to needed crisis services.</p> <p>A <u>Request For Proposal</u> for Adult Mental Health Housing with Special Services is currently active as the owner of House of Lights Board &amp; Lodge in Morgan, MN is retiring and closing the business. House of Lights was a recipient of a grant to provide additional services to clients with funding through the Initiative.</p> <p>The spring Stakeholders Meeting is cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns about large gatherings and Jamie is looking into online training that may be offered to</p>		

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	stakeholders in lieu of attending the conference.		
<b>Regional Management Team (RMT) Report</b>	<p>Lois gave a brief overview of her duties as the Rice County representative on the SCCBI Regional Management Team. The group meets to discuss the best use of funding to address the needs of adults with lived experience with serious and persistent mental illness in the region.</p> <p>Jamie reported she had just been informed that the 10 County Activities proposal that was submitted by the regional Clubhouses was approved by both the RMT and the Joint Powers Board.</p>		
<b>Children's Mental Health (CMH) Report</b>	<p>Fran Davies reported that referrals for CMH services have remained steady throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, however, intakes for CMH services have greatly increased recently since children have returned to school.</p>		
<b>Cedar House Report</b>	NA		
<b>NAMI Report</b>	<p>Kelly reminded members that <u><a href="#">Virtual Day on the Hill</a></u> is March 11, 2021. Kelly recommended that members visit the NAMI website as there is a wealth of information found at <a href="https://namimn.org">https://namimn.org</a></p> <p>Kent Rommereim announced that he is involved in the process of starting a local NAMI chapter in Northfield that will serve the surrounding area. Kent has a NAMI Zoom meeting scheduled on March 18, 2021 from 6pm to 7pm. For more information and a Zoom invite to the meeting contact Kent at: <a href="mailto:kent.romm@gmail.com">kent.romm@gmail.com</a></p>		
<b>New Provider: Robert Daun North Country Psychiatry</b>	<p>Robert Daun APRN introduced himself and gave an overview of the services he provides. He is a Mental Health professional who has recently established a private practice in Northfield. Mr. Daun provides psychiatric care including medication management, lifestyle assessments, brief psychotherapy, and addiction services. Mr. Daun is in the process of getting a tax ID and approval from insurance plans. Mr. Daun's office is located in in the same mall as Dr. Walker.</p> <p>North Country Psychiatry 1082 Hwy 3 S. Northfield, MN 55057 Phone: 507-301-2627</p>		

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	Fax: 763-710-3918 Email: <a href="mailto:northcountrypsychiatry@gmail.com">northcountrypsychiatry@gmail.com</a>		
<b>Expanded Invitation List</b>	Since the LAC is meeting via Zoom and it may be more convenient for providers with access to Zoom to attend – no travel is involved - it was suggested that the LAC invitation list be expanded to include mental health providers on the Rice County Mental Health Resource List.	There was support for this plan with no objections.	3/24/2021
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Next scheduled meeting is on March 24, 2021		
<b>Adjournment</b>	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.		

The Rice County Mental Health Local Advisory Council meets via Zoom from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of January, February, March, April. May's meeting celebrates and promotes mental health awareness. We break for the summer months and meet again in September and October, then break for the holidays in November & December.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Devine.