

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Minutes of January 14, 2014**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>absent</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>present</b>	<b>absent</b>
Tracy Klein	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Weik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amber Yares	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Linda Stanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel Parnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Bauer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Susan Seiler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gail Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Mickelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Carol Treague	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stacy Kislenger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremy Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ken Schwarten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Roberts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amy Rostron-Ledoux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Melva Radtke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pam Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lydia Engle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Beberg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Perseke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Guests:** Rick Backman, Tommi Godwin, Traci Thompson, John Nalezny, Aaron Smith

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**Called to Order:** Dan Parnell, Chair, called the meeting to order. Jeremy Jenkins moved to approve the November 12, 2013 meeting minutes with a second by Commissioner Lisa Weik.

**Elections: 2014 Chair and Vice Chair**

Kathy Mickelson, Community Services Division Manager distributed ballots for 2014 voting. Jeremy Jenkins was listed as a candidate for chair on ballot. Lydia Engle accepted a nomination to run as vice chair. A request for other interested candidates to come forward was made. No additional candidates were identified. Members were instructed to vote for both chair and vice chair. Members could elect to vote for identified candidates or write-in alternative candidates. Results were announced at close of meeting. Jeremy Jenkins accepted the 2014 Chair position and Lydia Engle accepted the 2014 Vice-Chair position.

**Brief Report about Community Mental Health Assessment: Tommi Godwin, Public Health and Environment**

Tommi Godwin presented on results of a community survey and the development of a Community Health Improvement Plan for Washington County. She is promoting the Community Health Improvement Plan and looking for those interested in being involved. Results from the survey indicated a need to look at suicide rates and hospital rates. Mental health and chemical health were identified as one of the top three concerns. Hospital partners have also had mental health and chemical health identified in the top categories on their lists for planning. Three targeted meetings will be scheduled over the next few months to identify organizations and existing collaboratives in Washington County already involved in providing mental health and chemical health services. A board workshop is also being planned to review survey results and the Community Health Improvement Plan with County Commissioners.

**Gaps in Service for Adult Mental Health: Traci Thompson, Community Services**

Community Services applies annually for the Adult Mental Health Grant serving clients with a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Washington County. The grant application requests input from Mental Health Local Advisory Councils regarding unmet needs within mental health services. Traci Thompson reviewed the 2013 gaps

identified and the system response to each (see attached). As noted, improvements have been made, but many of the areas listed remain in need of greater system response and are carried over as ongoing unmet needs. The LAC was asked to identify additional unmet needs to be used for the following year's grant application as well as identifying topic areas for the LAC to potentially explore in future agendas.

The following are unmet needs identified by the LAC within adult mental health services:

- Lack of Housing Subsidies
- Resources for Homeless
- Transportation
- Insurance Coverage to meet client needs: Some clients can't afford copays and deductibles
- Lack of access to psychiatry for all adults including specialty psychiatry for seniors with mental illness.
- Support services for parents with children and support services for pregnant women with identified mental illness concerns.
- Prevention and getting services started sooner is an unmet need. Being able to identify mental health service needs sooner than when entering the system in crisis is a need.
- Reducing stigma of mental health is an unmet need. Need to increase awareness and understanding it is okay to ask for help.

Concerns for children's mental health services were also identified as indicated below. The group expressed an interest in allowing more time to talk specifically about children's mental health services at a future meeting.

- Changes during the last few years in methods of delivery/availability of mental health services to students in schools.
- Prevention services for school-aged children and their families.
- Decrease in local day treatment options for youth.
- Services provided / available for homeless youth over 18 who may not qualify for certain programs and they were not in placement when turned age 18.

**Other:** Lydia Engle on the behalf of the LAC presented Rick Backman, Community Services Division Manager, with a plaque for his service and in honor of his upcoming retirement. Pam Johnson, Canvas Health recapped Rick's work within children's services.

**Adjournment:** Amber Yares made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Stanton seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.