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(Minutes)
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Deschutes County Health Services Building
Los Montanas Room**

Members Present: Lori Hill, Randy Richmond, Seth Bernstein, Alan Burke, Scott Willard, Keith Breswick, Jim Clarke, Kristin Powers, Larry Blantan, Terry Schroeder,

1. Introductions. Seth is taking notes.
2. Review/Approve 8/16/10 Meeting Minutes (2:00-2:05)
Approved with minor edits.
3. Final review of Charter/Purpose for CORACC meeting - All (2:05-2:30)
The Charter was discussed last meeting. It was requested then that further time be provided between meetings for others to have time to take a look at the changes which the previous meeting members had recommended.
Additional changes were recommended by Scott and Lori. Scott is not seeing consistency within the document. He notes the reference in the By-laws to both a Council and a UM Committee. The Committee should be responsible for the oversight of appropriate diversion services for clients other than hospitalization or incarceration. The By-Laws need to spell out who should be on the Council and who should be on the UM Committee.....and what are the respective roles/responsibilities of each group.
It was requested that old and new document be made available for a side by side comparison. Plan: Randy will add recommended changes and then forward the document to Scott, Lori, Robin, and Rick for further review and approval.
Kristin noted that community stakeholders have dropped off the committee, or are at least not coming to the CORACC meetings any more. It is not clear what it means that attendance is down. Have these people really quit? Randy to reach out and talk to them, find out why they stopped coming and what their interest is for the future. Then, determine who else we want to invite to be a committee member. Larry suggested that it would also be helpful to have Law Enforcement representatives from Jefferson and Crook Counties at this meeting.

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Larry B would like CORACC to be discussing the issue of people in jails with mental illness. Larry is seeing a significant increase in the number of inmates that are experiencing mental health related symptoms. There appears to be room for better care coordination for these types of inmates. Some are not ready for the streets, but jail is not the right place for them either. Also issue of people being taken to jail who are suicidal. Kristin agrees that this should not be happening: "this is our job." Larry regrets the loss of a facility to take people to for detox. Randy noted the one of the purposes of CORACC is to identify service and linkage gaps. Keith notes the role of law enforcement in assuring the safety of hospital staff. Further discussion followed about different scenarios of people in jail custody with MH issues. Could we create a level of care that doesn't currently exist? Is this the appropriate forum to discuss such ideas? Yes. Should we bring more law enforcement representatives into this conversation, e.g., Parole and Probation, Sheriff's Departments? Are there ways to better use community resources to better address/meet the needs of these people. Terry described a number of examples of this as did Larry.

Further discussion included discussion of the impact of likely MH cuts, how this could lead to further exacerbation of the problem we are discussing.

4. Acute Care Updates - Robin, Kristin, Molly, Rick, Lori, Scott W. (2:30-2:45)
Lori gave update on new residential homes. Kristin gave report how Community Links Specialist (CLS) will work to hopefully reduce inappropriate ER utilization.
Scott W gave report of activities of psychologist just hired who will be working at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. CC is opening a three bed shelter; it will be a transition to Bethlehem Inn. Lutheran Community Services is recruiting for a licensed clinician to spearhead ACT program. Jim asks for a copy of DC's ACT job description.
5. Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) Update - Randy (2:45-3:00)
Randy describes LOCUS trainings that have occurred and will. Applications for AMHI funds available now. Question raised by Lori re how to encounter ACT services that are not to fidelity. Randy to f.u. with Todd and get Lori an answer.
6. Tri-county acute care indigent contract: YTD usage - Randy (3:00-3:15)
55-60% of OHP + Indigent clients at Sage View or PES are indigent. Randy to see how that compares to GSH, making sure to compare the exact same cohort. Some discussion of problems of providing outpatient services for indigent populations; resources very limited and likely to be even more limited if anticipated State budget cuts occur.
Randy reviewed stats from report he recently distributed. It shows a slight increase, which may be seasonal.

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7. UM Group Report - Molly (3:15-3:30) Randy will request a copy of the minutes from the recent UM Group from Molly.

8. Mental Health Evaluations at Local Jails - Terry (3:30-3:45)
This item pended to next meeting when hopefully we can have representatives from all three counties. No one is present from Jefferson County. It is noted that there is a particular problem with getting MH services to people in their jails.

9. Statewide Acute Care Initiatives - Keith Breswick (3:45-4:00)
Keith describe the training he is doing next month in Klamath Falls with courts, public defenders, county CMHC etc. around legal issues related to civil commitment. He noted the problem created by their being no statutes that specifically address people with CD illness; they only address mental illness. What is written is very vague. Keith says that AMH would not sanction program that used existing statutes for CD illness for placing holds. Kristen asked some clarifying questions regarding people in police custody. Seth asks about payment for hospital services with mental health funds for people who need hospitalization for safety or detox? Keith says, "absolutely not." Only option for hospital getting paid is SPD evaluation, which is a longer term option, does not help for person needing to be held just a few days.

10. Additional items
Creating a shared drive to compile meeting minutes from a variety of acute regional meetings and related groups. Keith will follow-up.

11. Add Agenda items for next meeting.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 12/20/10 FROM 2:00-4:00pm in the Stan Owen Room (First Floor) at the Courtney Building

(This is a bi-monthly meeting that meets on the 3rd Monday)