

**Riley County Mental Health Task Force  
Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2017**

**PRESENT:** Robbin Cole, Judy Davis, Bethany Fields, Richard Fink, Julie Hettinger, Karen McCulloh, Maggie Rasette, Usha Reddi, Karen Smothers, Ben Wilson

**RECORDING:** Shannon Hughston

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**INTRODUCTIONS**

Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Meeting minutes from the August 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amended. Ms. Davis moved to approve the August 10, 2017 meeting minutes with the amended changes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Fields. The motion carried.

Minutes will be posted on the Pawnee Mental Health Services website ([www.pawnee.org](http://www.pawnee.org)). The Flint Hills Wellness Coalition will have a link to the minutes on their website ([www.flinthillswellness.org](http://www.flinthillswellness.org)).

**VIA CHRISTI MENTAL HEALTH DATA**

Ms. Rasette, Via Christi Health, provided information on Emergency Department Admissions with Psychiatric Diagnoses from FY2014 – FY2017 (July1 - June 30).

Ms. Cole and Ms. Rasette will collect data on the number of people who are screened in the Emergency Department and diverted back into the community. Ms. Rasette will collect data on race and age.

**RCPD/PMHS CO-RESPONDENT UPDATE**

Effective January 1, 2018, RCPD will change their shifts to four- ten hour shifts. Co-responders will be designated to a team of eight officers and one supervisor.

Since the beginning of the program in March 2017, co-responders had over 600 contacts. Referrals were made to private practice mental health and substance use providers and psychiatrists, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Irwin Army Community Hospital, Department of Children and Family Services, Pawnee's crisis and treatment teams and other Community Mental Health Centers.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)**

Ms. Hettinger, Flint Hills Wellness Coalition, distributed an invitation to the Community Engagement Training and Visioning Session on November 9, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Family and Child Resource Center Conference Room, 2101 Claflin Road, Manhattan.

The Access and Coordination of Services Workgroup is exploring strategies to increase collaboration and coordination of services among local service providers to better meet the needs of community members who are among the high-need, vulnerable population. They will meet with a consultant on December 6, 2017.

## **COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT UPDATE**

Commissioner Reddi, Commissioner Wilson, Ms. Cole, Ms. Dantia MacDonald and Mr. Kiel Mangus met with KDADS Secretary Tim Keck and Commissioner Susan Fout on October 27, 2017 to discuss the availability of state funding for a community crisis stabilization unit in the Manhattan area. \$500,000 in funding is available for crisis stabilization in 2018. Secretary Keck is especially interested in proposals for secure beds over stabilization units.

## **CRISIS SERVICES SUMMIT (DECEMBER 6, 2017)**

Col. John Melton is organizing a half day Crisis Services Summit to be held on December 6, 2017 at the Acorns Resort in Milford. Col. Melton will be transferred to Fort Bragg in January. The task force recommended that the summit be postponed until a later date after a new commander for Irwin Army Community Hospital is installed

## **OTHER**

No report.

## **NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 4, 2018**