

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
3111 Electric Avenue  
Port Huron, Michigan 48060

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GROUP MEETING: SCC Community Mental Health Board  
SUBJECT: Public Hearing  
PLACE: St. Clair County Community Mental Health  
3111 Electric Avenue, Port Huron  
DATE: February 20, 2018  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PRESIDING: Edwin J. Priemer, Chairman

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PRESENT: L. Ames, J. Bligh, J. Jowett-Lee, E. Priemer, E. Rieves, M. Serafin, M. Smith, N. Thomson, S. White, S. Armstrong,  
CALL IN: No one  
ABSENT: V. Lock, One Board Vacancy  
ALSO PRESENT: Guest: Renae Kiehler, Innovative Housing  
Staff: D. Johnson, K. Farr, K. Gallagher, M. Measel-Morris, M. Cameron

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chairman Priemer.

II. MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the FY 2018 Annual Submission Requirements. It is a requirement within the Mental Health Code and our MDHHS contract that we examine and evaluate the mental health needs of our county and develop an annual plan. The report is due to the Department by February 28, 2018.

Ms. Measel-Morris provided an overview of each of the four sections of the report as follows:

***Estimated FTE Equivalents:*** Ms. Measel-Morris informed the Board that the report covers information gathered from CMH and the Provider Network.

Table 1 identifies the total workforce in Specialized Residential settings and contains information on contract agency staff. There are no CMHSP employees represented in this table.

Table 2 addresses the workforce in other settings such as community living supports, personal care, skill training.

Ms. Measel-Morris reported no significant workforce changes. She also mentioned that any vacancies that were in the direct operating system are not automatically filled. There is an analysis done to see the current need of the position. We evaluate if we can continue on at a lessor capacity and what credentials are needed or does the position needed to stay at the level it

currently is at. Sources of the workforce information were obtained from the St. Clair CMHA Finance Department, as it maintains a manning table, and the Contract Agency data was obtained from Contract Providers through a survey of providers.

**Requests for Services and Disposition of Requests:** Ms. Measel-Morris explained that the purpose of this section is to gather data on requests for services and disposition of requests during the past year. This data is pulled from Access screening calls which are forwarded to CMH for intake assessment. These individuals have been determined by the Access Center as potentially eligible for CMH services and are scheduled for intake assessment with the Central Intake Unit and is broken down by population.

Ms. Measel-Morris overviewed the following rows.

Row 11 is the number of individuals (608) who did not meet CMH eligibility criteria and were referred out.

Row 13 asks of those individuals defined in Row 12, how many met emergency/urgent conditions criteria and that number was 1,283. These are individuals referred to inpatient, crisis residential, crisis stabilization, for example.

Row 16 asks how many individuals were eligible for CMH services but declined, that number was 11.

Included in the report is a brief description on how we collect and the maintain data used in the report; a description of the process that is used to determine eligibility; and a brief narrative describing noticeable trends and the CMH response to these trends in service requests. Ms. Measel-Morris pointed out that overall assessment for intake in regards to eligibility have been steady from FY17 through FY18 and we continue to have an increase in heroin, methamphetamine and prescription drugs use at epidemic proportions in St. Clair County.

**Waiting List Information:** This report details the waiting list for services for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 which is zero. Mr. Armstrong asked if these numbers address the underserved. Ms. Measel-Morris replied no this doesn't address that, we stopped having wait list services alert 3 years ago.

**Community Needs Assessment:** Ms. Measel-Morris explained that the report provided information, gathered from a broad variety of sources to identify current and future social and health needs of the community. Ms. Measel-Morris noted that in several areas you will see N/A; this is due to the fact that we are waiting for the State to provide the data or the links they have provided for us have not been updated yet for that particular year. The report details the census population, Medicaid enrollment, number of children in foster care, the number of licensed foster care beds in our catchment area, prevalence proxy data, adults with serious mental illness, children at-risk for serious emotional disturbance 100% below poverty, and persons with development disabilities, community homelessness, community employment, justice system, jail diversions, prison discharges, education system; graduation and drop-out rates; primary health and the number of CMH consumers with pneumonia, diabetes, asthma, hypertension, obesity and the number of private providers and public substance abuse providers. Ms. Serafin asked if on the bottom of page 5 in the column for 2012 if he number 803802 was a mistake. Ms. Measel-Morris said it was a mistake and she will look into it and be sure it's corrected before submission to MDHHS.

***Priority Needs and Planned Actions:*** St. Clair CMH conducted a survey which solicited input from key community stakeholders seeking their input and feedback as to what they believe to be a priority need and why. Based on the feedback received five key areas were identified. We have a plan in place and we are working on resolving these issues. They were: 1) Availability of Crisis Beds for Children and Adolescents; 2) Substance Abuse (alcohol, methamphetamine and prescription drugs); 3) Direct Care Workers recruitment and retention; 4) Employment Program/Services for Individuals with an ID diagnosis; 5) Education for all staff with direct interaction with individuals served on Primary Health issues to further physical and mental health at all levels of service delivery. Ms. Thomson asked why homelessness went down 72 when we know that homelessness is up in St. Clair County. Ms. Johnson replied that the numbers are based on a Point in Time study. If people are where the Point in Time study is being conducted and say they are homeless they are counted if not then they are not. So the numbers can vary from year to year. This is how we are directed to do the Point in Time study from the state. The Point in Time study does not account for those that are residing at friends and families houses because they have nowhere to go.

### III. COMMENTS

Chairman Priemer asked for any comments/questions from the public or Board members regarding the FY 17 Annual Submission Requirements. Hearing no feedback/comments, Chairman Priemer closed the Public Hearing

### IV. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Rieves, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to adjourn the Public Hearing. **MOTION CARRIED.** With no further questions and/or comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Cameron  
Recording Secretary