**Minutes: Community Crisis Assistance Team Agenda**

**Monday, March 28, 2022 1 PM Zoom**

**Updates from Agencies/Non- Profits**

**Harm Reduction-MI** They are sponsoring an event at Goodwill Inn tonight. They are testing for hepatitis, provide vaccinations and do opiate overdose training. Harm Reduction-MI offers Covid Vaccinations at their Cadillac office, but can provide at home vaccination service as well. Their Cadillac office has in house health care. In other areas they will do referrals to medical clinics. All positive results now are submitted to the county health departments.

**Courts Updates**

District Court will go to 100 percent in person on 4/4. Circuit Court is currently doing hybrid depending on the business. Trials are in person and in May all business will go back to in person. Jennifer Witten is the new probate judge. Kathy will invite Judge Marian Kromkowski to the next CCAT meeting.

**Wellness Center** Unfortunately the Copper Ridge building fell through. They would need to amend the PUD to have overnight residential beds and that process could take 6 months. The seller wanted a quicker sale. The group is looking at other buildings and land. Health Management Associates is working on the business plan which will help with support from Munson and Grand Traverse County. Munson has a community needs funding requirement that may be a possibility for this project. Grand Traverse County is expecting 18.2 million ARPA funds, but it may not be available until the Fall.

The CHIR of Northwest Michigan will be holding their next summit on April 11th. ***The Behavioral Health Initiative's Celebration Summit: Fostering the Seeds of Behavioral Health*** New attendees are welcome. Kathy included the link to register in this email.

**NLCMH** **and Crisis Intervention Services**

NCCMH is in the planning stages to establish a Crisis Center on the first floor of their building on Hall Street. They have been hiring staff and have all of the peer coaches hired but need to hire more professional clinicians before they can start operating the program. The program is designed to provide triage to help individuals in crisis, stabilize the situation, make referrals for community care, including residential services as needed. They will also put in place a follow-up plan for ongoing care and services. When the facility is ready, they will have an open house for those in the mental health/SUD care community.

There was a discussion about mobile crisis response. It was reported that the law enforcement iPads are being used more but there is still some difficulty using them on both sides. The time it takes to get them up and running has been a concern with some individuals dropping off the calls. Traverse City PD has been using them, but often people in the city find because of proximity it is easier to just go directly to the ER. It may be more helpful out in the rural areas because of the distance and time it takes to get to crisis care The Grand Traverse Sheriff’s Department is also rolling them out. City police sometimes find it easier to make contact with the person over the phone using Facetime calls. Pam reported that all six counties in the NLCMH region have iPad now. Officers have reported to CMH that they appreciate having the iPads versus having to go to the ER. TC police have not used them since Covid.

Kate asked for data on calls and the resulting follow-up. Hospital stays and jail diversion data is starting to be tracked by CMH. City Police keeps data on the number of crisis calls, but not the details or outcomes. Central Dispatch now has a Smart 911 that allows families to provide information to law enforcement about mental health of family member.

**Catholic Human Services SUD Support**-

Traci said that they are do parenting training. They are also doing training for jail staff which is going really well. Officers are learning new techniques in how to remove the stigma with addiction.

**BDAI**

Tom will be going into the jail for religious services starting on April 3. The jail is opening up slowly. BDAI will be coordinating with the new jail health care provider to update the skills classes and once a new plan is in place volunteers will be going into the jail to teach skills classes. BDAI continues to reach out to community groups. Kathy did a presentation for Northern Lakes CMH Wellness Center team on the services that BDAI provides. Tom will be doing a presentation to the League of Woman Voters on the 18th.

BDAI Family Support Dinners meet at St Francis Church Fellowship Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:30. All are welcome to the free dinners which are a supportive, casual setting to network for the former incarcerated, their families, and volunteers. There was an expungement fair on Saturday sponsored by Indian Legal Services and Michigan Works to help individuals apply to have their records expunged for those who are eligible. Local groups are discussing ways of funding the costs of applying for the expungement process for needy individuals.

**Housing**

Ryan reported that there continue to be challenges in housing. The Record Eagle reporters have provided good coverage in raising awareness of community needs and challenges. There was an excellent article in the paper this past weekend that put a human face on the challenges of the homeless community and how they were dealing with a recent death.

**Traverse City Police CIT –**

Justin presented on CIT and the Traverse City Police. They have three CIT trained officers. Officer Culver covers the downtown area, Officer Oster works with juveniles in the schools including Creekside School. When an officer is dispatched to a crisis call a contact is made to the CIT officer to respond. They try to talk down the individual to negotiate a peaceful resolution. The goal is to keep it at the petition level so it doesn’t escalate to the felony level. CIT trainings for patrol officers has helped with bringing level of force down, but it is important for officers have to buy in. When an individual is transferred to the Jail, CIT officers alert them to the situation. TCPD is coordinating their CIT trainings with trainings of the officers in the Jail. They do trainings throughout the year. In the last year, CIT training has been led by the 3 trained CIT officers with assistance from CMH. The goal is to have local trainers and to use a single program that is consistent between the city, county and Jail.

We will transition to meeting monthly and communicate important timely information in between the meetings. If you have important events that are coming up for your department, agency, or group please send the information to Kathy in advance and it will be emailed out to the CCAT team members.

Next meeting: April 25 1PM