NNBHC Meeting

March 8, 2016

Redfield Campus room 213

Meeting started 9:05

Welcome and Introductions

Westcare – updates. Upcoming Benefit/fundraiser for Westcare clients. April 23, Atlantis $60 per tix, silent auction. Flyers distributed and included with notes.

 Speakers: Retired officer Patrick Obrien, Sandy Lowry, Elizabeth Pope.

Westcare offers crisis intervention services, group and individual, 4 x weekly, Added 2 new groups, ACT (18-24 year olds), also workforce development group on Tuesdays. A small wait list. Take all 3 kinds of Medicaid. Mashal left pamphlets. Westcare is trying to fill gaps in services. Westcare has a van that will pick up people for services. Most customers referred from drug court, also take walk ins. The wait is at the most 4-6 weeks. 50 is on the wait list. West Hills mentioned that some insurance is denying drug court patients. She warned payers are starting to turn down payment from legal referral. Customers having to drop out of IOP.

Maschal left Westcare referral form for the group. Sandy Stamates question, how is MOST program doing in Vegas? Police go on calls and defer on different levels to most then they go to follow up. Vegas does not have the manpower for MOST to ride along with police.

Crisis intervention is offered downtown Reno thru Westcare (detox and psychiatric). 348-8811 24/7. Food in outpatient center as well off Wells and Roberts. In Reno.

Las Vegas has a crisis stabilization center that just opened on Maryland parkway.

What about mobile crisis out in rurals? None yet, Westcare working on it. Possible via telehealth.

Sandy Stamates: Let’s talk about Article in newspaper, project uplift for group home regarding the poor conditions in group homes in Reno. Tom Durante said DPBH has been increasing inspections. He urges us to work with the division and also check out some group homes, increase communication with group homes. Sandy, how do we find group homes in the North? Call Brian Buriss or Tom Durante and they will discuss the knowledge about group housing. There might be a group list on aging and disability services website. They are supposed to maintain the same standards. Richard Whitley mentioned separating case management and inspections. We should invite the state to come talk about the inspections. Invite Brian Buriss to come talk about group home services in Reno.

We need to look at cost of living, less accessibility, HUD section 8, new regulations for landlords and they are losing landlords.

Who is running the group homes? Why are they running it? Social services a business? The State says it is not a resource issues but Sheila argues it is a resource issue. RGJ reached out to Sherriff office to see what the living conditions were for mental health patients in jail. The jail was more than willing to let them view their standards. In some cases, the jail was nicer and had better conditions.

NAMI looking at funding stream for housing services. From Federal funds. Medicaid long term funding. Subsection 1915(i). Working for next legislative session. Persistent severe mentally ill and homeless. Also need to look at folks who are risk for homelessness that do not currently meet HUD homeless criteria.

Ideas for future meetings.

* New funding stream thru SAPTA, targeted case management. Can we get someone from SAPTA to come talk to us about it? RFQ just came out, assigning organizations who are going to be a part of it. It will be based on referrals. Sapta is trying to find the gaps and provide services in the gaps. RFQ is on State of NV purchasing website, deadline April 4. Item 0001. Will be open for 4 years, you can apply anytime. Sapta is looking at multiple sources of funding. Block grants, Cabi funding.
* Jennifer Rains: outpatient assisted treatment, pilot program working with state hospital in South and North. Maintain medication compliance for people who are in and out of hospital. They will have a medication compliance piece with law enforcement as well.
* Forensic mental health update?, Tom Durante said Stein hospital in Vegas 46 beds filled, so wait list for lakes crossing is eliminated and rest of county wait list is less. Positive movement. Lakes crossing has been working to update their licensing within the building, fire codes, etc.
* What about case management for people coming out of jail? Interviewing to replace Sharon. Sean Dodge is overseeing program in her absence, still taking referral. You can call Tom directly and he can put you in touch with Sean Dodge. Maybe Sean can come get an update.
* Update from RAW?
* Update from rural county consortium? Jim Peckham from FISH might know who to contact.
* Spanish speaking counselors? Access points for Spanish speaking clients. How do we increase access points? Westcare has a bi lingual counselor. UNR international student center has interpreters that can go to court, hospitals, NAMI events. Edward Shelley will provide folks with the name and contact info of the person at UNR to contact. Manuel from UNR might be able to come speak at one of our meetings.

Next meeting

Tuesday April 12, 2016

9:30 to 10:30

Location and agenda TBD.