

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF DODGE)**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
MANTORVILLE, MN**

2017-18 C.O.W.

The Dodge County Commissioners met in Committee of the Whole October 24, 2017, in the County Board Room at the Dodge County Government Services Building, Mantorville, MN, at 4:30 p.m. CDT. Chair Tim Tjosaas opened the meeting at 4:30p.m. CDT.

Meeting Convened

The Chair acknowledged those present:

Those Present

Members present: John Allen District #1
Tim Tjosaas District #2
Rodney Peterson District #3
Rhonda Toquam District #4
David Kenworthy District #5

Members absent: None

Also present: Jim Elmquist County Administrator
Becky Lubahn Deputy Clerk

South Central Human Relations Center (SCHRC) Executive Director Carolyn Wheeler provided the Board with a SCHRC update.

South Central
Human Relations
Center Update

Ms. Wheeler reported South Central Human Relations Center has been delivering comprehensive, community-based mental health services to adults, children, adolescents and families for more than 53 years.

They serve over 3,000 individuals each year with 130 trained staff members in 16 locations in Steele, Dodge and Waseca Counties. SCHRC employs psychiatrists, clinical nurse specialists, psychologists, clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, case management staff, community support staff, nurses, housing and vocational specialists.

These locations include school districts, outpatient clinics, housing, and residential treatment facilities. SCHRC began in 1964 with residents of these three counties first gaining access to psychiatric and psychological services. Since then, the organization has steadily expanded to meet the growing needs of the communities in Steele, Dodge and Waseca Counties.

Through its programs and services, South Central Human Relations Center strives to:

- Provide every individual with equal access to comprehensive mental health services.
- Take leadership roles within our communities on mental health issues, education and services.
- Empower individuals to attain a higher degree of self-satisfaction, self-respect and human relations.

Ms. Wheeler reported Rapid Access intake slots are available weekly for adults, children, teens to access through their schedulers, and follow-up appointment options for these individuals one week following the intake. The Executive Director noted that they also have other intake appointments available that are not designated for rapid access.

South Central
Human Relations
Center Update -
Continued

Daytime Mobile Crisis Responder Mary Harders discussed with the Board Crisis Response for Southeast Minnesota.

Crisis Response for
Southeast
Minnesota Report

Ms. Harders shared with the Board information on what is considered a mental health crisis, when the Mobile Crisis Team should be called, when the Mobile Crisis Team shouldn't be called, what the team does and the Crisis Response mission.

Kasson-Mantorville School District Therapist Connie Iezzi discussed with the Board the Kasson-Mantorville Public Schools School-Linked Mental Health Services.

Kasson-Mantorville
Public Schools
School-Linked
Mental Health
Services Report

School-Linked Mental Health (SLMH) is a partnership with community providers to offer mental health treatment at school sites. SLMH services are available to all students. Services are flexible to meet the needs of students and families. Grant funds may be available to cover the costs of services. With added services for students, they do better socially, academically, and behaviorally.

The goal of School-Linked Mental Health Services is to reduce barriers for students, in order for them to receive comprehensive mental health services. These barriers may include: transportation, financial restrictions, mistrust/stigma, waiting lists/intake process, stress, and scheduling conflicts.

Services that may be provided were listed as follows: intake interview, diagnostic assessment, individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, family psychotherapy, individual skills work, and family skills work.

Services will be covered by individual and family health insurance companies. If costs are a barrier, SLMH services may be covered by grant funding.

It was reported that mental health services provided in a school setting have a greater potential to impact the learning environment and positively increase educational outcomes.

The Board thanked Ms. Wheeler, Ms. Harders and Ms. Iezzi for the report.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m. CDT.

Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:

TIM TJOSAAS
CHAIR, COUNTY BOARD

BECKY LUBAHN
DEPUTY CLERK

DATED: