

**SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
ENDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24 – 5:15 p.m.
ROOM 190**

PRESENT: Joan Williams, Jill Armentrout; Jaime Huffman, Jacob Kern, Susan McCauley

VIRTUAL: Tracey Raquepaw, Maria Vela

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jake Garlick & Ashley Conway of TTI

STAFF: Sandra Lindsey, Jennifer Keilitz, Ryan Mulder

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

Joan Williams, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:24 p.m. A quorum was established, and verification of posting was determined.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

III. ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT (ACT) DATA AND PROGRAM UPDATE

Jake Garlick & Ashley Conway of Training & Treatment Innovations (TTI) presented on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) for the Ends Committee. The following was noted in the presentation:

- ACT is an Evidence Based Practice Model provided here in Saginaw by Training & Treatment Innovations, Inc. (since the late 1980's). ACT is an intensive long term, community-based, clinical service to adults with the most serious and persistent forms of psychiatric disorders and psychiatric and co-occurring substance use disorders.
- Entails a morning clinical team meeting (which lasts approximately an hour) where ACT case managers, nurse, and doctor talk about things going on, any needed medication adjustments, problem solving, etc. List of people that need to be seen that day (using daily tasks and scheduling white board), decisions about which team member will need to seek community resources, therapy progress and other concerns.
- An On call clinical staff person is assigned by week each month and is also responsible for going into ER to screen individuals ACT consumers presenting there.
- The aim of the program is to develop connections with people served and assist family members (monitor side effects, etc.)
- The number one goal is increasing consumers' success to live independently (live the life that they want to live)
- Another goal is to reduce visits to local Emergency Departments (multiple reasons for this occurring)
- Currently the ACT Team serves 45 adult consumers with a maximum team caseload of 52.

The Committee was able to ask questions / make comments. See document for details.

Motion made by Joan Williams and supported by Susan McCauley to receive and file the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Update as presented. Motion Carried.

IV. OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Sandy recently completed a survey on behalf of SCCMHA from the National Council for Behavioral Wellness. In involved concerns about what is going to happen with proposed Federal Medicaid changes. (implied a lot of devastating changes proposed). Not a lot of clarity at moment.

Michigan legislature came to agreement about Earned Sick Time Act late last week. SCCMHA is now collaborating with providers on their compliance plans and identifying funding gaps we will need to cover involved with implementation costs.

State of Michigan has a corrective action plan regarding Home and Community Based Services Rule. Visit by CMS in 2024 and they saw some systemic problems (none were here in Saginaw though). All PIHPS and CMHSPs have been asked by the department to review our policies to make sure we are in compliance with HCBS. Sandy noted we have been in compliance by MDHHS standards for a really long time as SCCMHA started our investigations in 2016. It would appear that the CMS Site visit to Michigan has resulted in the need for an MDHHS Plan of Correction to CMA that will involve all PIHPS and CMHSPS.

All Medicaid Waivers and State Plan Amendment (iSPA). Reviewing these documents as some services have been shuffled between waivers / plans. Once there is a clear document Sandy will bring this information to the SCCMHA Board.

V. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business a motion was made by Joan Williams with support from Jaime Huffman to adjourn this meeting at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried.