

## **IROQUOIS CENTER FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**610 E. Grant Ave, Greensburg, KS 67054**

### **Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**6 March 2024 5:00 p.m.**

The Advisory Board met in a regular meeting session at the Iroquois Center for Human Development's office, 610 E. Grant Ave. Greensburg, Kansas.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 4:55pm

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

- a. Those present were as follows:
  - i. Present – Ricky Boswell, Phillip Compiseno, Andrew Wolfley
  - ii. Absent – N/A
  - iii. ICHD Staff – Brandon Brown, Jeff Ford, Jacqui Boswell

#### **III. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. With the addition of a new board member, introductions were made.
- b. ICHD staff reiterated what a CCBHC is, and the value it brings to our community. ICHD staff also explained how important the Advisory Board is, and what the expectations are of each member.
- c. ICHD staff requested that one member of the Advisory Board be a liaison between the Advisory Board and the Board of Governors. That liaison would attend the month board meeting's here at ICHD and be given a spot on the agenda to regularly address the board directly, share recommendations directly with the board, and have their comments and recommendations recorded in the board minutes.
- d. ICHD staff gave an update on changes that have taken place since the last meeting:
  - i. TA team visitation – the TA team is a group of other administrators that have already transitioned to a CCBHC who give recommendations on how to best proceed.
  - ii. An ICHD revision team was created to help speed up the process of necessary paperwork required by the state. This included a dedicated policy writer.
  - iii. Applications for our certification were submitted to KDADS and SAMHSA in the past few weeks.
  - iv. New Electronic Health Record (EHR) – We are in the process of implementing a new EHR that covers all new requirements to be a certified CCBHC. The expected go-live date for this is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

- v. We've also contracted with the new EHR company to provide billing support for us while we transition to a CCBHC. This was more cost effective than hiring a new biller.
- vi. Implementation of a 24/7 mobile crisis team.
  - a. The idea of an in-house crisis team is a comforting idea to the Advisory Board. They prefer dealing with someone they know face to face vs. talking to someone from H.I.S. via zoom.
- vii. Veteran Affairs MOU – which is a formal agreement between ICHD and the VA.
- viii. KDADS suicide prevention grant – although we are not applying, we are helping our community partners do so.
- ix. The Sheriff's office is renovating an area adjacent to the jail as a 'respite' care room. This room could ideally be used for a crisis stabilization space utilized by the 24/7 mobile crisis team. ICHD staff also discussed the need for a secondary location in the instances when that room is occupied.
  - a. There were several advisory board members who did not like this idea. They felt that bringing someone to "the jail" when they are in a crisis is not helpful. It could spiral them deeper out of control. Suggestions were made by the advisory board to:
    1. Rent another house in town for a safe meeting space.
    2. Buy a trailer and put it on the property across the street from the jail. That way we are still able to receive help quickly if necessary.
- x. ICHD staff informed the Advisory Board that our recent cost report identified the need to hire 13 new positions. ICHD also stated how we are in the process of trying to bump up our minimum starting wage to compete with other in town businesses.
- xi. ICHD spoke about the need for secure transport, and how it can be a difficult avenue to travel with those in crisis. ICHD also mentioned the possibility of contracting with Comanche County to provide these secure transportation services.
  - a. The question from the Advisory Board in regard to this was "why are we contracting this out to Comanche, and not locally?" ICHD staff said they aren't opposed to any options, but Comanche County has shown the most effort when it comes to helping us with this issue.
- xii. ICHD will be hosting a job fair in town sometime in April. Details have yet to be determined.
- xiii. ICHD has contracted with IPC for consultation to help the Clinical Director.
- xiv. ICHD has sent out a formal MOU to the local FQHC in Dodge City.
- xv. Outreach is being conducted by ICHD staff to local hospitals/clinics, schools and local law enforcement agencies.
- xvi. ICHD has implemented a new MAT program, which is overseen by the Medical Director.

- xvii. Management meetings are happening once a week to ensure a smooth transition is happening across the board.
- xviii. A new contract was established with Proprio for interpretation services.
- xix. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> – all clinicians are able to see Medicare clients.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. ICHD is helping the Kiowa County Health Department apply for the KDADS suicide prevention grant. If approved for this grant, one of the events will be to have Kevin Hines come speak in town at multiple locations. Kevin is a suicide prevention speaker that attempted suicide by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California in 2000 at the age of 19.
- b. The Advisory Board mentioned that there is a need for a short-term care facility in town, possibly a crisis stabilization unit.

V. ADJOURNMENT

- a. ICHD staff moved to adjourn meeting, there were no disagreements. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43pm.

The Advisory Board will next meet in regular session on 4 June 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

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Veteran Support Services