

**IROQUOIS CENTER FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

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

**Advisory Council Meeting**

**Minutes June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:00**

**p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

**ROLL CALL**

- b. 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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- c. The Iroquois Center is now billing as a CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- d. ICHD staff gave an update on changes that have taken place since the last meeting:
  - i. As a CCBHC, we will receive a flat daily rate for all services provided for Medicaid clients. This will allow us to expand services and hire more employees to provide a better model of care. We will provide the same quality services as always, but it gives us the ability to increase wages across the board, which has been helpful with staff morale. It also makes a more competitive place in town for work. We can now offer wages that are on par, if not higher, than other businesses in town.

Question from council - "Have we hired any new staff since the last meeting?"

- a. Yes. We have hired an ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) program manager, and her name is Amy Hazen. She is an LPN and is currently training for this – as it is a state certification - things are moving slowly.
- b. We have also hired a Parent Support Coordinator within the CBS department. Her name is Chasity Wright.
- c. We have also hired a new attendant care person for the transition houses, which is an especially important program to us as a center. It is something we are immensely proud of and will continue to improve upon. The program has been

struggling recently, but we have been interviewing several people to see if they would be a good fit. Our plan is to get both houses back open so that we can continue to help more individuals.

Question from council - "How will the CCBHC daily flat rate affect those on a spenddown?"

- a. As far as an individual is concerned, nothing will change on their end. However, on the back end, when an individual is in a spenddown, their services will be billed under the CMHC (Community Mental Health Center) NPI (National Provider Identifier) so that the costs associated with those services are counted toward the spenddown. Once that individual meets their spenddown, the daily flat rate will then go into effect.
- ii. Mobil Crisis Team – this service is a requirement to become a certified CCBHC, and it is being implemented as we speak. The initial start date for this program (June 1st) was pushed back to ensure we can provide a quality service, not just check a box. We are now looking at a start date for this program in September – October.
  - a. Question from council - "Will these people be trained? What about CPR training?"
    1. Absolutely. Which is why we are pushing back the start date on this. The program is a comprehensive plan with many intricate details, scenarios, etc. This program was created from the ground up, and it is going to ensure the safety of staff and individuals using it. We will conduct interviews for those interested in being a part of this team to help ensure quality services. This interview process will be in addition to their initial interview – we want to make sure that whoever joins the mobile crisis team takes pride in their position. Ideally, all staff are supposed to have CPR training yearly, that is something we are going to get back into. We will also be training on the Relias website, which is a healthcare specific training portal with over 3000 courses. We will also be creating a scenario booklet to share with those on the mobile crisis team. We may not be able to prepare for every scenario imaginable, but the mobile crisis team will be prepared, and training in all manners necessary.
- iii. All Advisory Council members were asked to sign a release of information

which would let us use their information (name only) when submitting minutes to SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) and posting the minutes on the Iroquois Center's website. All current members agreed.

- iv. There are plans to grow the Peer Support program outside of the Iroquois Center's walls. The idea is to provide a 'drop-in' location somewhere in the community, at pre-determined times, 7 days a week. This idea was well received by all Advisory Council members. There were suggestions from the council members regarding locations around town that might be suitable for this program (Christian Church near the school [it was noted that not everyone would feel comfortable using the church], Office space near Kooks, old senior center).
  - a. It was also noted that the location used for the peer support drop-in program could also be utilized as a crisis respite area, if necessary, if the individual in crisis did not want to meet at the sheriff's office respite room
- v. Liaison update – this area of the agenda was announced and explained that it is a way to allow a 'two-way street of communication' between the Advisory Council and the Board of Governors meetings.
- vi. CCBHC Demonstration state – There was a press release on the hhs.gov website that announced Kansas will be one of the new demonstration states. This is exciting for us, and we are extremely proud to be a part of it. This means that there will be ample funding available to ensure that all the required services of being a CCBHC are met and maintained.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The Advisory Board will next meet in regular session on 10 September 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Jacqui Boswell  
Veteran Support Services