



Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission
Clinton County Courthouse
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Mental Health/Substance Abuse Committee March 16th, 2015-Meeting Minutes

DATE: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
TIME: March 16, 2015
LOCATION: Clinton County Courthouse 2nd Floor Jury Room

The Committee met with Margaret Kuhl, CCJCC Coordinator and Kim Ralston, CAP Director, Committee Chair presiding. Present: 15 members and guests.

Members & Guest Present:

Jake Dever, Sheriff's Office	Margaret Kuhl, CCJCC Coordinator	Kim Ralston, Committee Chair
Becky Eskildsen, MH/DS CDC	Penny Linden, Admin. Asst., MH Dept	Dan Srp, Board of Supervisors
Gabe Gluba; ASAC/ND	James M McHugh, CCAO, Asst. Co. Atty.	John Rohlif, Clinton Herald Newspaper
Kelly Greenwalt, DOC	Tim McClimon, Adult Probation	Mary Walker, Bridgeview CMHC
Kim Hess, Clerk of Court	Leslie Mussmann, ASAC/Prevention	Jack Wolfe, Defense Atty; Bar Assoc.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2015.

Emergency Lodging Program:

Kim Ralston stated Scott County uses an emergency Lodging Voucher Program. The County has 2 hotels rooms reserved for temporary use. In addition, a voucher is provided for 1 meal at a restaurant within walking distance from the hotel.

The Scott County program criteria are: 1) individuals could not have any criminal charges, 2) could not be on drugs and 3) it could not be an emergency situation. This would be a good alternative program for residents of Clinton verses to staying in a shelter where the shelters in Iowa are currently full. The benefit of the program would be reduced the costs for the emergency services. Becky Eskildsen stated she had spoken to Paul Blair, exec. Director, Bridgeview CMHC, in regard to alternative emergency lodging crisis services under the Mental Health Office funding.

It was noted the few transients in Clinton are not usually in crisis but are here due to their car breaking down or having been recently release from jail. Becky emphasized the program would be only for current residents of Clinton.



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What services will be available in the new jail?

Kim Ralston opened discussion by stating that Scott County Jail has several programs available to assist individuals while they are incarcerated. Some of the programs are: Parent Education Program, Co-Occurring (psycho education program), Alternative Sentencing Program; Vocational programs and GED.

Discussion was held on the AA program at the jail. Jake Dever mentioned the program is not working because no one comes to the meeting, often there is not a leader present, and the inmates are just not interested.

Gabe Gluba asked about Jill Sidlinger's counseling schedule. It was reported she comes in twice a week and her schedule is full. Gabe Gluba stated he will follow up and look for volunteers who will want to lead an AA meeting.

A comment was made that there is a need for housing after the release of an inmate. Kim agreed and cited for example newly released inmates have shown up at her office late on a Friday looking for a place to stay over the weekend. She has no place to refer them.

Becky Eskildsen brought up the topic of Voc Re-Hab jobs. Gabe Gluba mentioned the college has a Workforce Development Programs for job testing and wondered if this would be something usable for the jail. Margaret Kuhl stated she will look into this program for job testing.

Members agreed there needs to be a coordination of re-entry services when an individual is released into society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Linden