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#### STEPPING UP MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 30, 2017

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Clinton County Admin. Building – BOS Board Room

**Present:** See attached sign in sheet

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

The planning group watched the "Stepping Up Webinar: Effective Strategies for Connecting People with Mental Illnesses to Services after Release from Jail " <https://stepuptogether.org/key-resources> and collaborated on the worksheets from the Des Moines Summit. *To be able to sign into the website to use tools, go to <https://stepuptogether.org> and click on the red button on the top right corner stating "Take Action Now". The website will ask for basic information for you to be able to login.*

#### **Updates from the Stepping Up Initiative Summit and group discussion:**

- Handouts/worksheets received at last week's summit in Des Moines were given out during the meeting to planning participants.
- Sheriff Lincoln learned that Johnson County, KS has lowered the mental health numbers by resources and software programs. The county was interested in sharing their resources. These issues are not just in Clinton County, they are everywhere.
- The state of Iowa ranks 50 out of 50 of being able to provide mental health beds.
- Supervisor Srp thought the metropolitan areas have higher success stories to available resources.
- The team that attended the summit came up with the ideas of working with Zuercher (Clinton County records management software) to help develop a spreadsheet of inmate statistics
- Finding inmate statistics is challenging due to a lack of available resources
- Proper mental health screening implemented when booking inmates in the jail being worked on
- Having a mental health inmate sign a release form as part of their registration process to help with tracking data of inmates
- Some inmates being released by pre-trial do not all have a home address and nowhere to go after they are released, therefore causing them to go back to the places that got them booked in the jail to begin with

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1 PM at the BOS Board Room at the Clinton County Admin. Building. Community members and stakeholders are invited to participate in these planning group meetings.