

MINUTES OF NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
OF BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

HELD FEB. 5, 2018

Called to order at 6:15

Members present: Marco Parducci, Diana Eckert

Member absent: Cindy Franceschini

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Speakers present included Sam Tornatore of the DuPage County Board and Karen Ayala of the DuPage County Health Dept.

Sam stated that it is important to know what the health dept offers so no duplication of services.

Karen said the county health dept currently provides the following:

Traditional mental health services

Therapy

Psychiatry

Meds

Nursing

Group therapy

24-7 group home

They have 4 locations. They bill at rate Medicaid reimburses. There is a sliding fee for those with no insurance. They try to keep people from having to go to a hospital except if in crisis. If no insurance, they are linked to an insurance provider in their network. The health dept partners with the sheriff's dept. Karen's recommendations include:

1. Assistance with transportation
2. Pilot intervention with community health worker (case manager). Start with one or two days a week
3. Possibility – supplement insurance

The following was determined with audience participant, Michael Murray of the Aux Comm, to be done:

1. Marco will call Dr. Shustisky re our committee needs assessment report
2. Make up a community survey – all look at it, then decide at next meeting
3. List of key informants, 1 on 1 structured interviews
4. Group survey with residents
5. Contact Sarah Troll

The committee decided not to do an online survey.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 by Marco Parducci

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Eckert

