

CONSUMER/FAMILY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 4th ,2008

10:00 AM - Noon

Atrium Conference Room

Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa,

2600 Westown Parkway, Suite 200, West Des Moines

Minutes

Attendees: Linda Dodson IFAPA
Kelly Ramus Parent / Respite Provider
Judy Warrick Consumer
Chris Sims MBH
Cynthia Tracy DHS
Rhonda Shouse Parent / Consumer (phone)
Jackie Elfman NAMI Iowa
Diane Johnson MBH
James Bremhorst MBH

10:00 Welcome and Introductions

Diane reminded attendees as to the purpose of the Consumer / Family Advisory Committee.

Introductions were made around the table and on the phone – updates and activities will be kept until the end of the committee meeting.

10:15 Telehealth

Chris Sims updated the committee on the Telehealth Projects around the State. Telehealth was introduced three years ago as a Community Reinvestment Project with three sites, University of Iowa, Hillcrest, and BHC SI. Ten applications were received in response to this years request for proposals. Telehealth now has nine projects running with 14 sites that span the state. Telehealth is using a standard model for psychiatrist, care coordination being a key element. This is increasing accessible hours, particularly by decreasing travel time. This is of great value to the rural communities. Therapist will now, also, be able to utilize this system in some areas.

10:30 Consumer/ Family and Peer Specialist Educational Opportunities: Past, Present and Future – Filling the Gaps

Diane and James reviewed areas of outreach and educational opportunities from the last three months and those that are upcoming. Together they have recently made presentations at Drake University – Abnormal Psych, Mercy School of Nursing, Hoover High School – Psychology Class. Diane continues to offer VFT classes, Parent Lunch & Learns, and Staff In Services. Both James and Diane are continuing their efforts to reach out to all areas of the state.

