

LIFELINE CONNECTIONS
CRISIS TRIAGE & STABILIZATION UNIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2018

Center for Community Health
Second Floor, County Conference Room A

Members Present: Peggy McCarthy, Dave Kester, Chiara Caballero, Brad Berry, & Kay Roberson

Members Absent: Jeffrey Hite, Jan Bothwell, & Marc Muhr

Staff Present: Jared Sanford, Arianna Kee, & Krysta Pennington

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm

Minutes Approval: The June 2018 minutes were reviewed by the Advisory Board. Kay motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded. This was then approved by the Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS

C-Tran Presentation: The representative from C-Tran was to be in attendance at today's meeting to speak regarding transportation to the site. Peggy will reach out to possibly reschedule.

Program Opening Update: We were awarded money for both sections of the site, and we also now have a 10 year lease of the space. We went back and asked the architect to drop the ceiling in the sleeping areas and make the windows go down, so that we can make individual rooms. We also asked to have two private bathrooms for each side. This would make four individual rooms on each side, as well as 3 with multiple beds. There will still be a census cap of 16 for the site. There will also be an outside space for patients to utilize.

We are still anticipating a spring of 2019 timeline for the site. We are unsure of whether we would be able to get the site certified as an ENT due to 42CFR. Dave noted his concern regarding individuals discharging from ENT into a stabilization bed and occupying the bed for an extended period of time. It would also be a very small space, which could be problematic. Kay agreed that the space does appear to be quite small for this. We will continue gathering information for the State and discuss this further at that time. Arianna believes that part time staff will play a large part in staffing the site.

PROGRAM DESIGN DISCUSSION

Peggy asked individuals from NAMI what services they would like to see at the crisis stabilization center. Individuals are focusing on immediate needs, such as commissary, phone/Wi-Fi access, nicotine replacement, etc. It was noted that it will likely not be beneficial for patients have access to cigarettes/vaping at the site. Historically, Lifeline has gone to being a tobacco free agency. We may plan to look into having a therapeutic animal at the site. The back wall of the building will also eventually be decorated, possibly with a mural. Dave noted that there is a vinyl type of wall art that we may want to look into.

OTHER DISCUSSION

We will carry over peer training and C-Tran discussions to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm

Respectfully Submitted, Krysta Pennington