

***Crow Wing County Local Advisory Council***

***On Mental Health***

*Lutheran Social Service of MN Building*

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 **October 17, 2022**

**1:00PM virtual meeting AGENDA**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

**Present:** Jennifer Vaughn (Acquire), Gary Sprynczynatyk (BCBS), April Starllone (BetterOutlook), Sara Aker (Nystrom), Maria Essman (LSS), Jason Ost (CWC), Tina Theisen (LSS and Safe Harbor), Jessi Weinhandl (Wellness in the Woods), Dawn Shequen (CWC)

**Updates:**

**BCBS:** Your Path: virtual resources for substance use disorder: individuals, families, assessments, MA treatment for Blue Plus members.

**Youth Services:** Hiring a position to fill: Youth Leadership Council to help advocate for new laws, legislation. Hiring someone to be supportive adult: travel between regions. Hired a new person to do independent living skills: Nathan. Still have funding for crisis shelter. 7-county area. Funds for transitioning youth experiencing homelessness as well.

**Crow wing:** No Updates

**Better Outlook/MN Holistic Clinic**: Psychiatric Nurse practitioner.April – 15 and above, Elvis- 6 and above. Medical cannabis certification as well. Are up here every two weeks in person but otherwise telehealth. Medical cannabis has to be in person. No set day here, will make it work to be seen in person. Children prefer to see in office. [Better Outlook Psychiatric and Behavioral Health Services - Woodbury, MN (betteroutlookmn.com)](https://betteroutlookmn.com/)

**Nystrom**: can do ADHD testing in Baxter, or St. Cloud if booked out. Has some current beds for residential treatment. Hired 2 community-based providers. Openings for ARHMS or ITCS.

**Thanksgiving, Christmas, Coats for Kids, Toys for Tots**: through Bridges of Hope (Jess) for Thanksgiving. <https://www.bridgesofhopemn.org/thanksgiving-basket-program>

 **Acquire:** Some potential openings, Shana C and Mallori new and can take people.

**Area Unmet Needs Discussion: (transportation, housing, child care, other):**

Energy assistants applications are available. Funding in next couple of weeks. Processed in date order. Changed income guidelines to pre-COVID. Subject to change. Applications are on our website. <https://www.lssmn.org/services/housing-assistance/assistance-and-eviction-protection/energy-assistance>

Shelter being build by CIVIC center: no? Rumors. Group in town called: My Neighbor to Love. Trying to build tiny house village back there but not approved by commissioners. Maybe multi-unit complex. Warming shelter through Bridges of Hope. Children under 18 are not allowed. Sheltering about 7 a night, up to 16. Looking for volunteers to shifts. Contact Anne Honeycutt. ann@bridgesofhopemn.org

**Old Business-**

**Collaborative workers:** Haven’t heard anything further on that.

**Agenda? What do you want to see on it**:

Invitation to Bridges of Hope (Jessica or Jess?) and Salvation Army.

A Consumer

**Adjourn**

**Upcoming meeting dates: December 19th at 1:00**