

**JEFFERSON/VAN BUREN MENTAL HEALTH COALITION
MEETING MINUTES - September 19, 2006**

Meeting began at 10:00 am; in attendance where John Hunolt, (Voc. Rehabilitation Services) Terri Mercer (Fairfield SICM office) Barb Adam (VB County CPC) Sandy Stever (Jeff. County CPC) Alan Hauring (Consumer) Jen Robertson (ResCare) Darlene Vorhies (ARC) Mary Coffin, (ARC) Ann Stickles, (Center Village) Dee Bradley, (I-hawk) Steve Burgmeier (Jeff. County Board of Supervisor) Elayne Campbell, Marquetta Huffman, (Court Advocate)

Minutes from August meeting stand as written.

*Elayne Campbell from NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally ILL) spoke regarding Family-to-Family (Education and support for Families who have relatives with Serious Mental Illness.) The course is 12 weeks January-March 2007. Her purpose for being at the meeting was to get the word out about the class, they are free of charge. ResCare will try to get her on the agenda to speak with the Doctors in their Mental health Services.

*Frequency of Meetings: After some discussion, it was decided that the coalition would meet three times per year, rather than the monthly meetings. Meetings will be held January-April-September. Sandy and Barb will continue to get information out to members regarding meetings/agendas and minutes. Meetings will be at 10:00 am the 3rd Tuesday of those months, and be approximately 2 hours in length. Jefferson County Stakeholders will have meetings the off months of the Jefferson-Van Buren Coalition meetings.

* Halloween Party for Consumers: Jen Robertson from ResCare will handle getting donations from Jefferson County, Barb and Ann will handle Van Buren County, Marquetta will talk to some business in Ottumwa that serve our counties. Center Village and Cedar Creek will each provide 100 cookies and Barb will purchase another 100 using funds from SICM account. ARC will pay for Roberts Building (35.00) Jen will handle transportation needs for those individuals from Jefferson County, Barb will handle Van Buren County. Mary Coffin will look into making party mix. Drinks will be solicited from McDonalds. Van Buren Job Opp will decorate. Ken will provide the DJ services.

*Sandy and Dee discussed getting the mental Health booklets distributed; they have been widely distributed in the counties. If anyone needs them they can be gotten from Sandy or Dee for Jefferson County, and Barb for Van Buren County.

*Provider Reports:

Jen from ReCare reported they are looking for a Mental Health Administrator for Henry and Louisa Counties. ReCare is talking with Van Buren schools about providing mental health services to school kids. She announced that Lisa Congable will be having a training at ReCare offices in Fairfield regarding individuals with schizophrenia this coming Friday from 10:00-12:00 am 9-22-06.

John Hunolt from Voc Rehab reported on serving Fairfield, Cardinal and Pekin School Districts. Tammy from SIEDA office will be updating Jefferson County resource books. Barb will be working on updates to Van Buren County. Monies for printing have been made available from DeCat. Sandy suggested that the possibility of having a mental health tab might be helpful.

Sandy reported on the ARC meeting being held Sept 28 and the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Terri from SICM reported that they their application for Elderly waiver services have been accepted and will be effective October 1st, they have had over 300 referrals.

Ann from Center Village reported on the family picnic held Sept 18th.

Barb and Sandy will be attending training in Cedar Rapids on Monday Sept 25th regarding the changes from ARO to Remedial Services.

Next meeting will be January 16th from 10:00 to 12:00 at Jefferson County Court House.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barb Adam, VB County CPC