

***Bayfield County and Ashland County  
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)  
Coordination Meeting  
(Held Via Zoom and in person)***

Conference Room A, Bayfield County, October 11, 2022

**BCCS Members Present:** Tom Croteau, Sandra Notzke, Cecelia Webb, Josh Gilbert

**ACCS Members Present:** Colleen Grand, Jan Kupczyk, Terry Barningham

**Members Excused:** Thomas Mittelstadt

**Members Unexcused:** Lorna Gamble, Melissa Dunphy, Georgia Tolliver

**Member-At-Large** Val Levno

**Others Present:** Heather Gilbertson, Brigid Ripley, Elizabeth Skulan, Karlie Pierson-DHS, Miranda Wagner – Northland College intern for CCS Program Ashland

**Call to order:** Webb called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken.

**Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the April 12, 2022, meeting minutes.

\*\*Due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken on the Ashland County CCS items.

**Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the July 12, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion by Notzke, second by Croteau to approve the Bayfield County, July 12, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the July 12, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion by Grand, second by Kupczyk to approve the Regional CCS Meeting, July 12, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Program Presentation** –Brigid Ripley, Arena Del Mar, LLC, Equine Assisted Living located in Oulu presented.

- Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) Program Objectives
  - Connections
  - Community
  - Communication
- Feel of EAL
  - Targets development of life skills
  - Horses are aware of emotions of people around them
  - Develops social and emotional learning, connectedness, form bonds with non-verbal clients
  - Provides peaceful atmosphere, brings pleasure, encourages the expressions of feelings
  - Horses have a calming effect on young people, offers a safe place to be
  - Increase perceived social support
  - Improves character skills which improves academic results
- Program activities
  - Unmounted activities only
  - Herd observation, discussion, and journaling
  - Equine communication and safety

**Program Report:** The program report for the Regional Committee was presented by Levno. No additional comments were made.

### **Staffing Updates**

- Evan Maki and Jamie Allen, Behavioral Health coordinators, have skills and credentials to provide individual skills development to CCS participants.
- August Gordon, CCS Intern for Bayfield County, will provide individual skills development and functional screens to participants.
- Miranda Wagner and Danielle Hewitt, CCS Interns for Ashland County, will provide administrative services and individual skills development to participants.

### **Provider Network**

- Rocky Hill Parent Peer Specialists, LLC, from Spooner is a new provider.
- Dave Lussenhop, Master Level Special Education instructor and owner of Gritty Fish CrossFit in Washburn, is interested in working with CCS participants.
- Dr. McFadden retired psychologist located in Cable, is interested in providing psychotherapy.
- Clinical therapist Scott Johnson provides psychotherapy out of the Wilmarth Mansion located in Ashland.
- Indigo provides individual skills development.

### **Marketing and Outreach**

- Croteau regularly meets with: local law enforcement; the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office staff; treatment court; and Criminal Justice monthly.
- Levno has met with community provider at their meetings, including CA:tCH, and Northwest Wisconsin Community Service Agency, Inc. recently.

### **Other Items**

- Ashland County staff are researching three options to replace the current Management Information System. It is expected that demonstrations will be performed this month.
- Levno reported the annual state satisfaction survey was completed at the end of September. At first glance, it appears a good portion of surveys returned. Results of the survey will be presented in January 2023.
- A joint team training was held August 10, 2022, at Prentice Park. Dr. Theresa Hintz and Occupational Therapist Jack Holevatz, each presented to the group.

**Children’s Services**

- Currently there is nothing new to report.
- CCS continues to support families.
- CCS offers support to therapists willing to go into the school setting to provide therapies.

**New Business**

- None

**Opportunity for Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes)**

- None

**Other**

- Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) has announced the Mental Health (MH) and Substance Abuse functional screen will change next year. Webinars on this change will begin in November 2022.

**Future Meeting Dates-Hybrid Meetings details of location to follow:**

- January 10, 2023
- April 11, 2023
- July 11, 2023
- Oct 10, 2023

**Motion to adjourn.**

Motion by Notzke second by Croteau to adjourn the Bayfield County, October 11, 2022, meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm

Motion by Notzke second by Levno to adjourn the Regional CCS Meeting, October 11, 2022, meeting. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm

Minutes submitted by: Heather Gilbertson, Clerk III, Bayfield County