

## **Minutes of the August 12, 2011 meeting of the Advisory Board for the Juvenile Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment Pilot Project**

**In attendance:** Hon. Mary Harper; JauNae Hanger, Hon Deborah Domine; Bob Girard; Dr. Matt Aalsma; Dr. Maggie Blythe; Jenny Young; Ryan Stewart; Sue Lummus; Lyda Abell; Kristi Bruther; Jim Higdon; Jason Bowser; Shawna Gary; Hon. Vicki Carmichael; :Tanya Johnson; Alison Cox; Chris Buyer; Katy Cornelius; Dr. Cynthia Robbins

**By phone:** Megan Holbrook; Cindy Hunter; Deb Elliott-Kesler; Traci Agner; Michelle Stafford; Dan Arendas; April Vanlonden.

**YLT Staff participating:** Laurie Elliott; Amy Karozos; Michelle Frazier

### ***I. Welcome and Introductions***

Judge Harper called the meeting to order. The members and participants introduced themselves.

### ***II. Approval of Minutes***

Minutes of June 10, 2011 Advisory Board meeting were submitted for approval.

**Motion Carried:** Minutes of June 10, 2011 approved.

### ***III. Project Report and Recommendations***

JauNae Hanger reported. Copies of report were distributed. Committee, consisting of Judge Harper; JauNae Hanger; Dr. Aalsma; Dr. Bythe; Jim Higdon; Laurie Elliott and Sue Lummus, will address next steps. The MH Project is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Commission on Mental Health, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Board can make a report and should consider if we want the State Bar to look at it and consider legislation.

Sue Lummus suggests meeting with Senator Lawson prior to Commission on MH meeting.

The Board discussed barriers, need for system wide data, and what type of needs the legislature could address. Dr. Blythe commented that the biggest barrier is not just access to care, but payment, so we need to address our Medicaid provider.

It was suggested that, if we could reduce this down to a 2 page paper, we could present it to the MH Commission and they could then ask agencies to make a report to address the issue.

The detention centers were asked to e-mail data on their population: how many on Medicaid; how many privately insured; and how many uninsured. The detention centers should be collecting data because they have to notify Medicaid.

***IV. New Business***

New Advisory Board members:

**Motion Carried:** Dr. Cynthia Robbins and Bob Girard, Court Services Chief, Elkhart County, were added to the Advisory Board.

Site Reports:

Due to time constraints, the site reports were distributed by e-mail prior to the Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

Minutes prepared by Amy Karozos