



Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority

PUBLIC HEARING
PROGRAM PLANNING INPUT

February 5, 2015

2:00 P.M.

WELCOME!



Why a Public Hearing?

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority (NeMCMHA) is required to conduct an assessment of the mental health needs of our community. This assessment must involve public and private providers, school systems and other key community partners and stakeholders.



Who we Serve...

NeMCMHA is mandated by the Mental Health Code to provide comprehensive mental health services to those adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and all persons with a developmental disability as defined in the Mental Health Code. We also are required to provide 24-hour emergency services and pre-admission screening unit for those persons (Medicaid or no insurance only) requesting psychiatric hospitalization.



Stakeholder Input

We understand that the mental health needs of our community manifest themselves in various ways. In order to better understand these needs, we are asking you, as our community partner, to share with us the trends and needs you identify that may be related to, or indicative of, a mental health need.

2015 Survey Questions

- I. What do you see as being the most significant mental health needs (given the population that we are mandated to serve) that are not currently being adequately addressed in our community?

#1 Responses received thus far...

Consumer/Advocacy	Justice/Law Enforcement
<p>No budget for those whose problems are not yet deemed “serious.” The need for the DD population to be more visible and integrated into the community. Never having been admitted into Pointe East, I know <u>nothing</u> about it. Perhaps I should.</p>	<p>Military service members coming home</p>
<p>I am hoping the new method of handling crisis calls locally will now be reported to the doctors. In the past, doctors have said they were not told if a patient called a crisis line.</p>	
<p>Mental health funding, stigma awareness and self-expression/individuality for consumers</p>	
<p>The need for help at the home in Rogers City. Also when a person from Brege Home is put in the hospital, there is no one there to help with the needs of the clients.</p>	

#1 Responses received thus far...

Educational	Human Services
We need better equipped parents. Many bring children to our school district that don't seem to have advanced into adulthood.	Crisis intervention, housing, people with mental illness needing help and not qualifying for insurance – falling through the cracks.
	Foster home placements for children with severe mental health needs.
	Support services – Community and Employment



#2 Survey Question

From the perspective of your discipline, what trends have you identified that CMH should be aware of?

#2 Responses received thus far...

Consumer/Advocacy	Justice/Law Enforcement
<p>Thunder Bay Transportation Authority seems eager to be of as much service to the community as they can, but coordination between them and rural case managers seems inadequate. In general, it seems there could be more integration of the micropolis of Alpena with rural areas.</p>	<p>No responses to this question from Justice/Law Enforcement</p>
<p>Copies of lab work do not always make it to the doctor.</p>	
<p>Stigma within the community often prevents consumers from seeking out and utilizing available treatments.</p>	
<p>Need a better hiring practice for subs & part-time workers. Present system taking too long (4-5 weeks).</p>	

#2 Responses received thus far...

Educational	Human Services
How to deal with psychological troubles. In many cases, just identifying psychological troubles can be the biggest hurdle.	The increasing issue of dual diagnosis. Clients who are having their parental rights terminated due to abuse/neglect.
	More services needed.

#3 Survey Question

Based on what you have shared, please identify the top three concerns/priorities.

#3 Responses received thus far...

Consumer/Advocacy Community

- Link and liaison between case manager and Thunder Bay Transportation Authority
- Help for those whose problems aren't "serious."
- Case managers, in general, taking more of a hand in referring people, speaking of "recovery," etc...
- Make sure all consumers who have lab work will get the results to their doctors in a timely fashion. Apparently there has been difficulty getting the labs to send the results to both their general family doctor and their doctors at CMH.
- Stigma as a barrier to treatment
- Lack of funding
- Consumer self-expression
- The need for workers during resident's hospital stays

#3 Responses received thus far...

Justice/Law Enforcement Community

No responses to this question from this discipline.

Educational Community

- Better equipped parents
- Identifying psychological needs
- Social media creates so many additional variables

#3 Responses received thus far...

Human Services Community

- Improper behavior when not accompanied by support staff
- Merging with DHS
- Confidentiality issues/concerns
- Crisis Intervention availability
- Housing
- Insurance
- Foster home placements for children in Question #1



Closing Remarks...

Thank you for sharing your opinions with us.