Community Supports Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

1 Civic Plaza, 9th Floor, Risk Management Conference Room (Room 9027)
May 2, 2017 from 5-7

1. Members Present

Paul Hopkins
Kathy Finch
Laura Tuzinowski
Marcia Harris
Vernor Westerberg
Melissa Beery
Ann Waldorf
John Schoeppner
Robin Connell
Nancy Jo Archer

2. Members Excused

Mika Tari, HSD Behavioral Health Division (Technical Advisor)

3. Staff Members Present

Amir Chapel, UNM ISR
Ellen Braden COA
Margarita Chavez, Bernalillo County
Andrew Vallejos

4. Call to Order

Chair, Paul Hopkins called the meeting to order at 5 pm

5. Discussion to Approve Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

6. Discussion to Approve Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed and adopted.
7. Key Items of Discussion

A. Old Business

No old business was conducted

B. New Business

1. Staff presented elements of potential case management concepts. Case Management is a general term for individualized services to assist clients with substance abuse or a mental health diagnosis to connect to supportive and ancillary services through the assistance of an intensive case manager.

The discussion included the desire to have case management as a “needs based” service rather than an “eligibility based” service. Discussion included having an “intensive” case management and a “step-down” case management. Referral sources and target client population were also discussed.

The City of Albuquerque Family Services Department also discussed the re-allocation of money to develop substance abuse case management for clients with substance abuse or co-occurring disorders.

2. The Chair of the Crisis Sub-Committee, Rick Miera; Jim Ogle and Margarita Chavez presented concepts relating to “respite/ stabilization/ recovery” services for people stepping down from acute care or from a behavioral health crisis into a safe environment that could assist in stabilization, and resiliency. There was discussion of crisis subcommittee and the community supports committee working together in developing an “intermediate level” of care.

3. The staff gave a brief update on committee membership, upcoming election of chair and vice-chair of the sub-committee, and a short discussion on conflict of interest.

8. Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2017. The committee adjourned at 7pm.