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Joint Meeting of

**Ashland County and Bayfield County
Local Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordination Committees**

And

**Ashland County and Bayfield County Regional
Comprehensive Community Services Coordination Committee**

October 11, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

**An in person and remote meeting will originate from the Bayfield County Boardroom
at the Bayfield County Courthouse, 117 E 5th St in Washburn, Wisconsin.**

**Remote participation is available via Zoom with the link sent you via email or by phone
715-312-626-6799 US (Chicago)**

Meeting ID: 828 0603 0500 Password: 848036

Ashland CCS Committee:

Thomas Mittelstaedt

Terry Barningham

Bad River Tribal Representative

Melissa Dunphy

Colleen Grand

Georgia Tolliver

Jan Kupczyk

Bayfield CCS Committee:

Tom Croteau

Thomas Mittelstaedt

Lorna Gamble

Vacant

Cecilia Webb

Josh Gilbert

Sandra Notzke

Regional CCS Committee:

Ashland County: Terry Barningham, Colleen Grand, Jan Kupczyk, Melissa Dunphy, Georgia Tolliver, Bad River Tribal Representative

Bayfield County: Tom Croteau, Dale Irwin, Josh Gilbert, Lorna Gamble, Cecilia Webb, Sandra Notzke

Members-At-Large: Val Levno, Thomas Mittelstaedt

Bayfield CCS: Notice is hereby given, in the event the standing committee does not have a quorum, the County Board Chair or Vice Chair may act as an ex officio member (County ordinance, Chapter 3, section 2-3-1 (c))

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Department of Human Services at 715-373-6144 at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangement can be made.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda for Ashland CCS only:
 - A. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the April 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Handouts 1-2)
4. Agenda for Bayfield CCS only:
 - A. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Handouts 1-2)
5. Agenda for Regional CCS only:
 - A. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Review and Approval of the July 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Handouts 3-5)
6. Equine Assisted Learning presented by Brigid Ripley, Arena de la MAR (Handouts 6-7)
7. Review Program Report (Handouts 8-9)
8. Children Services
9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** New Business
10. Opportunity for Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes please)
11. Other (Informational Items)
12. Future Meeting Dates:
 - To be determined

C: Ashland County Board Chair, Dick Pufall
Ashland County Administrator, Dan Grady
Ashland County Clerk, Heather Schutte
Bad River Tribal Chairman, Mike Wiggins Jr.
Bayfield County DHS, Deanna Regan
Bayfield County DHS, Nina Bucher
Bayfield County DHS, Heather Gilbertson
Bayfield County Clerk, Lynn Divine

Bayfield County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Chair, Dennis Pocernich
Red Cliff Tribal Chair, Christopher Boyd
WI DHS Area Administration, Karlie Pierson
WI Family Ties, Amy Polsin, Jessica Bigboy
Ashland Daily Press

Bayfield County
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordination Committee Meeting
Via Zoom – Bayfield

July 12th, 2022

Members Present: Tom Croteau, Sandra Notzke, Cecelia Webb, Josh Gilbert, Lorna Gamble

Members Excused: Tom Mittelstaedt, Dale Irwin

Others Present: Eric Lindell, Karlie Pierson, Andrea Yrjanainen, Elizabeth Skulan, Val Levno, Terry Barningham, Jan Kupczyk, Colleen Grand

Call to Order and Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by Colleen Grand at 12:35pm. Roll Call was taken.

Discussion and Possible Action: Review of the April 12th 2022 BCCS Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Cecelia W. to approve the April 12th 2022 minutes for BCCS and a second by Tom C. Motion is passed and the minutes are approved.

The BRICK Ministries: A Program Overview by Eric Lindell, Benevolence Manager

A power point presentation for the Ashland/Bayfield County Coordination committee was presented by Eric Lindell on all aspects of the BRICK Ministries.

2021 CCS Quality Assurance Report for Bayfield County

Val presented the 2021 CCS Quality Assurance Report for Bayfield County to the committee.

- As we are in the second year of providing services in the home, community and office during the pandemic, about 25% of our patients are able to use telehealth such as Zoom for services.
- There was a 17% decrease in contracted services. Most of this is due to being unable to hire employees due to the lack of qualified applicants. Bayfield County experience a significant increase in referrals towards the end of the year. 19 of the 34 referrals were received in the months of November and December, which equates to 44 percent of the referrals for 2021. There was a 32 percent increase in admissions as well for 2021.
- 43 participants were served in 2021 and 6 were children. There were 23 admissions and 11 discharges from the program.
- Staff for the program includes: a part- time Administrator, part- time Service Director, full-time CCSS Supervisor/Mental Health Professional/Psychotherapist and two-full time service facilitators. Participants were served by 8 Service Array Providers including peer specialists, parent peer specialists, employment specialists and in-home/community skill building specialists. We contracted with 20 people to provide psychotherapy and five to provide adult mental health day treatment. This program also supported a Master's level intern from St. Scholastica.

Program Report

The Program report was gone over by the committee and no comments to add.

Children's Services

- Val brought up for discussion the lack of providers for children's services and how it is hurting us as a program. We are struggling to find providers. Brigid Ripley is providing services to children with equine assisted learning. Service facilitators are providing services to children. There are waiting lists for psychotherapy at MMC BHU and NorthLakes Community Clinic at this time. Both BHU and NorthLakes are trying to minimize the waitlist for therapy.
- Tom C. states that there is a lack of availability to see kids in school or in the home in Bayfield County. Josh G. asked the question of is there a system in place for the services provided to children continue through the teen years/adult years.
- CCS continues through the participant's life span as long as they are eligible and is a seamless transition from children's services to adult services. Although maturity levels differ from case to case, working with older teens on finding employment and furthering education happens as well.
- Karlie also reminded everyone about the statewide meeting that is focused on Parent and Youth on Coordination Committees.

New Business

- No new business was brought up for discussion at this time.

Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes please)

- No other participants beside the committee. Josh G did ask if there was any sort of outreach to our participants for the committee. The meeting notices are published in the Ashland Daily Press and the agenda and handouts are posted on each county website.

Other (Informational Items)

- No other items at this time.

Future Meeting Date: Will be a Hybrid meeting on October 11th, 2022 at 12:30pm held at the Bayfield County Board Room and on Zoom.

Motion to Adjourn. Colleen Grand adjourned the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) meeting at 1:43pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Andrea Yrjanainen, Administrative Assistant Ashland/Bayfield County CCS

***Bayfield County and Ashland County
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)***

Regional Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

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Others Present: Eric Lindell, Karlie Pierson, Andrea Yrjanainen, Elizabeth Skulan, Val Levno

Call to Order and Introductions:

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Discussion and Possible Action: Review of the April 12th 2022 Regional Committee Minutes

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- There was a 17% decrease in contracted services. Most of this is due to being unable to hire employees due to the lack of qualified applicants. Internally, we experienced the same issues and the decision was made to reduce the educational requirements from a Bachelor's degree to an Associate's Degree for the position of Service Facilitator.
- 132 participants were served in 2021 and 18 were children. There were 81 admissions and 86 discharges from the program.

- Staff for the program includes: a part time Administrator, part-time Service Director/Mental Health Professional, full-time Mental Health Professional/Substance Abuse Professional, two full-time Service Facilitators, one full-time Service Facilitator/Functional Screener, one full-time Service Facilitator/Functional Screener/Substance Abuse Professional, one full-time Service Facilitator/CST, one full-time Substance Use Professional, one full-time Registered Nurse and one part-time Registered Nurse. Participants were served by ten Service Array Providers including peer specialists, parent peer specialists, employment specialists and in-home/community skill building specialists. We contracted with twenty people to provide psychotherapy and five people to provide adult mental health day treatment. The program also supported a Bachelor's level intern from Northland College and one intern from Northwood Technical College – Ashland's Human Service Program. Six CCS staff are shared staff with the Ashland Community Support Program and two CCS staff are shared staff with the Bayfield Comprehensive Community Service Program.
- It was noted in the conversation by Val that going from requiring a Bachelor's degree to an associate's degree has been effective. However, finding qualified people is a statewide problem, not just affecting our counties, but the industry as a whole. In the case of the contracted providers, most have HS degrees and are willing and happy to help. There is sufficient PPE to hand out as well regarding Covid concerns.
- Colleen asked if people just aren't applying and Val responded with yes, but most are not qualified. Ashland County only requires associates for some positions now where Bayfield requires a Bachelor's degree and contracted providers are high school degree only. There was no other discussion at this point.

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Program Report

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Meet the Horses

The program horses have long been members of my family. The oldest – Freedom's Spirit – is a Mustang that my family and I adopted from the Adopt a Horse program in 1989; he hails from Nevada. Ten other equines are part of the program. They vary in size, color, disposition and personality, and each have their own distinctive way of interacting with other horses, and with the humans they encounter.



Meet the Provider

Brigid Ripley, PhD, has been working with horses for over fifty years, beginning as a young child. Professionally, she has been teaching and serving in school administration for over thirty years.

Dr. Ripley is very excited to be able to offer EAL to the residents of Bayfield and Ashland counties and is thrilled to combine her experiences in education and equines in a perfect way – the unification of those two worlds!

"I call horses 'divine mirrors' – they reflect back the emotions you put in. If you put in love and respect and kindness and curiosity, the horse will return that."

– Allan Hamilton

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Equine
Assisted Learning Program



"The horses in my life have played many roles – my best friends when I needed comfort, my teachers when I had lessons to learn and my partners in a lifetime of teaching and learning."

– Dr. Ripley & Downsize

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What is EAL?

Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) is an evidence-based practice that incorporates the use of horses to assist people in developing myriad interpersonal skills. The positive effect that horses have on humans has long been recognized.

Nobody, however, says it better than Winston Churchill: *"There's nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse."*

We could not agree more and are looking forward to working with you on your journey to a life fulfilled.

What to Expect?

Typically, sessions run in one of three lengths – one hour, one and a half hours or two hours. All activities are conducted from the ground.

You can expect to:

- Learn to regulate behavior & responses
- Experience the influence that your emotions & behaviors have on horses & others
- Practice approaching new activities with quiet confidence
- Learn how humans & horses are similar, yet different
- Experience how personalities affect interactions
- Experiment with different approaches to overcoming a problem



FAQs

There's certainly a lot to consider when you're planning your session, but we're here to help, so here are some tips for being successful in your EAL session:

- Dress for the weather
- Bring a light pair of gloves; horses can pull
- Close-toed shoes or boots are recommended

Location

Most activities will be held at Arena de la MAR, LLC indoor riding arena in Iron River, WI, a 50' x 150' structure situated on 35 acres of farmland.





**Ashland County Comprehensive Community Support
Bayfield County Comprehensive Community Support
Coordination Committee Program Report
October 2022**

Enrollment:

Ashland													
	Aug	July	June	May	2022 1 st Qtr	2021 1 st Qtr	2021 2 nd Qtr	2021 3 rd Qtr	2021 4 th Qtr	2020 1 st Qtr	2020 2 nd Qtr	2020 3 rd Qtr	2020 4 th Qtr
Total	39	39	37	40	55	87	74	77	65	111	83	90	74
# of Children	2	3	3	2	1	11	12	7	4	18	13	13	10
Intakes	4	6	2	7	9	26	20	19	16	34	16	19	11
Discharges	4	4	5	5	11	16	23	28	19	41	18	24	23
Referrals Closed	7	4	8	3	15	6	18	11	14	6	10	13	7
Referrals Pending	5	10	6	8	7	7	5	4	9	10	7	10	6
Referrals Received	13	14	7	15	21	28	35	27	29	45	26	26	18
Inquiries Pending	5	3	6	4									

Bayfield													
	Aug	July	June	May	2022 1 st Qtr	2021 1 st Qtr	2021 2 nd Qtr	2021 3 rd Qtr	2021 4 th Qtr	2020 1 st Qtr	2020 2 nd Qtr	2020 3 rd Qtr	2020 4 th Qtr
Total	44	43	44	41	46	23	30	30	37	29	21	24	23
# of Children	7	7	8	8	8	4	5	5	4	6	4	6	3
Intakes	2	2	3	2	15	3	7	4	9	5	0	3	3
Discharges	1	3	0	2	4	0	4	2	6	6	0	4	3
Referrals Closed	0	2	2	2	3	4	2	4	2	3	9	5	0
Referrals Pending	2	3	4	2	5	1	3	1	11	7	5	1	5
Referrals Received	3	2	7	2	11	1	9	5	19	12	6	5	4
Inquiries Pending	1	0	1	1									

Staffing:

- Bianca McLemore, ACCS Service Facilitator's last day was September 23rd.
- Evan Maki and Jamie Allen (BDHS Behavioral Health Case Managers) will be each providing up to 10 hours of skill building weekly.
- August Gordon will be BCCS intern for fall 2022 term. She is enrolled in UMD's MSW program.
- Miranda Wagner and Danielle Hewitt, both seniors at Northland College, are CCS interns for fall 2022 term working out of the ACCS office.

Provider Network:

- Rocky Hill Parent Peer Specialists LLC will be providing .5 FTE Certified Parent Peer Specialist and Individual Skill Development and Enhancement to be split evenly between the two programs.
- Gritty Fish Crossfit in Washburn is interested in working with CCS participants.
- Dr. David McFadden, LMFT in Cable is interested in providing psychotherapy.

Marketing and Outreach:

- Tom is connecting with law enforcement/sheriff/treatment court/criminal justice in Bayfield County
- Wellness Court (Ashland County)
- Community Provider Meeting
- CA:tCH (Chequamegon Accountable: the Community of Health) – safety plans
- Northwest Wisconsin Community Service Agency, Inc. – homeless shelter in Ashland
- Contact with all schools in Ashland County and Bayfield County
- Ashland Wellness and Recovery Court
- Ashland County Aging Unit Directory

Other Items:

- Working on identifying replacement for current Management Information System
- State Satisfaction Survey is being administered August through October.
- Joint Team Training August 10th. Dr. Theresa Hintz, MMC-BHU presented on developmental stages of children and working with families/children. De-escalation techniques were presented by Jack Holevat, MMC-BHU.