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Sequential Intercept Mapping Workshop

Individuals with mental illness are overrepresented in jails and prisons, which are not mental health treatment facilities. This results in an interruption of mental health treatment and can cause a worsening of symptoms due to the stressors associated with incarceration. The sequential intercept model outlines sequential points at which a person with mental illness can be “intercepted” and kept from going further into the criminal justice system. Sequential intercept mapping aids communities in developing effective systems of care that bridge criminal justice and mental health services by promoting collaboration among behavioral healthcare providers, law enforcement and probation officers, consumer and family organizations, and community officials.

The Counseling Center participated in a sequential intercept mapping workshop on August 24th and 25th. The group identified gaps in services and developed priorities to close the gaps. Four work groups were formed to work on the top priorities:

- transportation for court, probation and mental health appointments;
- provider education regarding the involuntary psychiatric hospitalization process;
- capacity and admission issues at psychiatric hospitals; and
- expanding service coordination for those with mental illness leaving jails and prisons.

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Mental Health and Recovery Board Levy



Judy Wortham Wood

Judy Wortham Wood, Executive Director of the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne & Holmes Counties and Vicky Hartzler, Associate Director, recently attended a staff meeting to discuss the services supported by the board and related funding issues. While the board does not provide direct services, it has several funding partners in the community, including The Counseling Center. Other partners are OneEighty, Anazao, NAMI and Catholic Charities. Board funding supports a wide range of comprehensive behavioral health services for the residents of Wayne & Holmes Counties, and the board also serves as the lead in collaboration of many projects, both within the behavioral health network with the network’s interface with other community providers. Ms. Wood explained that approximately 50% of the board’s revenue comes from the local mental health levy. The current levy is for ten years but will expire soon. In November, a replacement levy will be on the ballot.