

Present: Mike Hayward, Catherine Cummings, Bill Moreau, Johnnie Underwood, Patrick Monahan\*, Ken Cattenaci, Ginger Barnes, Louis Dezelan, Paul Babcock, Kirk Taylor\*, Lynn Redmond, Chuck Ford, Julie Fidler

Staff: Aaron Herring, Stacey Nugent

**Chair Update:**

- Council recently elected a new president. Initially there were concerns raised about the REC in Committee by the new president and others related to mental health services and the number of beds. Bill will be reaching out to see if the president would like to tour the REC and discuss the work being done. There is also a report due to the Public Safety Committee (Chaired by the president) in February when a report on first year operations is due. Members should try to attend that meeting.
- The Board will go to Bi-monthly meetings once there is a Director on board. Please plan to meet in February since there is a finalist for the position.

**Director Babcock Update:**

- There is discussion with the candidate for Director. We are close to an offer pending back-ground checks and other admin.

**Staff Update:**

- A question was raised about issues with the flu (which is widespread). To date there have been no issues.
- Facility is up to 30 beds available, averaging mid-20's in utilization, served 90 since 12/1/17 with five of those being repeats.
- Connections with providers are being made with new recovery homes. Services are where they should be at this point. Director of DMHA took a tour and had a discussion about funding possibilities. Also adding a meeting with FSSA regarding the limited resources and limited number of beds statewide for recovery.

**General Issues:**

- Long term care as it relates to the Assessment Center and licensing/cost issues.
- Advocacy planning (especially at the state level) regarding the Opioid crisis.
- Recovery coaches to start at REC in February.
- We must measure what we are managing.
- The annual Point in Time Homeless Count is 1/24/2018; the Chair encourages people who haven't done it to sign up to volunteer. Pre-register with CHIP. Very important to remember that permanent housing be at 100% utilization and that we must reduce homelessness according to HUD.