

**Chisago County LAC Meeting Minutes**  
**July 9th, 2025**  
**1-2 pm**  
**Main Street Church, North Branch**

Attendance:

❖ Welcome/ Agenda Addition

Kate Thron – Chisago County AMH/ CSP,

Stacy Johnstone – consumer rep AMHI Board, Amanda Stevenson – Region 7E Planner

Leah – Canvas Health

LC, MO

❖ LAC business

- (Ongoing) Formal proposal for gas card or gift certificates- Persons receiving services, and not attending in a professional capacity, will receive \$20 per meeting. Currently this will be in the form of a check. This could change to a gas card in the future.
- LAC Townhall (State Advisory Council workgroup) updates – will be focusing on updating the LAC Guidebook. While under review we will continue to utilize the current guidebook found on the DHS website.

❖ Regional Adult Mental Health Initiative (AMHI) updates

- Application for 2026 funds, letter and guidance sent out by Aug 1
- Contract with Radian Health has ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, but they are continuing to serve eligible referrals
  - Access to flex funds
- Positive feedback for Growing Resilience
- Governing board is going to start meeting quarterly to discuss Mobile Crisis Services – starting July 28

❖ Resources

- 10 new Bridges vouchers to be rolled out over the course of a 2 year contract between now – 06/30/26
  - Lakes and Pines, New Pathways, and A Place For You completing Coordinated Entry Assessments
    - A Place For You – will be hiring new Executive Director
- New Drop-in Center in Cambridge – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays starting in August @ Common Ground Church from 10 - 2

❖ Events/Training:

- Drop-in center calendar can be found on [adultmentalhealth.org](http://adultmentalhealth.org)
  - Wednesdays; Hours 10-2, Main Street Church in North Branch
- Virtual Peer Support Network calendar can be found on [adultmentalhealth.org](http://adultmentalhealth.org) website
- Chisago County Fix-It Clinic on 07/15/2025 from 4-7 at the North Branch Library
- Mental Health Booth at the State Fair – volunteer sign up
- 9/13/2025 Pick 'Em Up Suicide Coalition. Suicide prevention walk/ run in Pine City. Shirts are free while supplies last, walk is free (will accept free will donations). Anyone can participate. Try to meet quarterly in person last meeting in June, next will be September (also on [adultmentalhealth.org](http://adultmentalhealth.org) website)
- U of M Mindfulness – Based Stress Reduction coming up (information session to be held on 8/5 at 12-1)

❖ Ongoing recommendations/needs: \*Permanent affordable housing, improved access to ARMHS and CTSS, Transportation, Peer Support Specialist jobs/volunteer opportunities

- Transportation – AMHI drafted proposal for non medical transportation to Governing Board

❖ **LAC Schedule 2025**  
**September 10, 2025**  
**November 12, 2025**

❖ **Adjourn**