

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
January 25, 2023

Present: Kim Cooper, Mary Monnat, Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, Karen James, Dave Mowry, Carol Greenough, Eric Schmidt, Sean Fields

Absent: Lynne Schroeder, Stephanie Rose, Rebecca Jones, Colin McCoy, Emily Matkar, Larysa Thomas, Balpreet Singh, Steven Youngs

Staff: Nick Ocon, BH Director; Ian May, BH Program Manager; Kathy Prenevost, Addictions Supervisor; Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist

Guests: Sally Reid, Laura Vences, Jennifer Yonker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Public/Visitor Comment: No comments were submitted by visitors or members of the public.

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program)

- OHA update
 - New behavioral health director, Ebony Clarke
 - Has extensive background in community mental health
- We are currently working with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) on 6 month extension for contracts
- As of January 1, 2023 all counties are operating under new Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for mobile crisis including:
 - 2 person clinical team at all times (24 hours)
 - There is a new stabilization service and mobile response for youth (0-25) for 56 days
- Received additional one-time American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding of \$1.2 million
- Aid and Assist Update
 - Working with an agency called Transcending Hope to provide temporary housing for Aid & Assist clients
 - Looking at guardianship resources
 - Working with CareOregon on developing a jail care coordination position that can help Aid & Assist access benefits and have a direct line to services that CareOregon authorizes
- We are working to publish a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Wellness services, if you would like to participate, please reach out to Nick Ocon.

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- An email was sent out to the group with these updates as there was not enough time during the meeting to provide these updates:
- The Behavioral Health Division is working with Yamhill Care Coordinated Organization to potentially offer Intensive Care Coordination supports for its members
- The Division's contract with Yamhill CCO includes \$150,000 contribution toward the capital development of the Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT).
- The Division is working with CareOregon to move some of the Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) slots that the county funds for uninsured community members to CareOregon. This will expand the number of Medicaid members who can enroll in ACT and better support the population as Medicaid enrollment continues to remain high in our community.
 - The County will move 10 of its 20 slots back to CareOregon effective 4/1/23.
- The Division is working with CareOregon to develop a jail care coordination position to help coordinate clients in custody with Behavioral Health needs.

Addictions

- CATT update
 - Solution Group NW has been selected as the outpatient provider to serve clients at the Community Services Building
 - Currently working with members of the peer community help with designing the Peer Space (conceptualizing the space and how the space will be used)
 - There is still a gap of \$10 million, but looking at additional funding opportunities
 - There have been increased opioid settlements announced
 - A one-time opioid settlement funding (from Walmart) is expected to provide resources during the development of the project.

Member Updates

- Eric Schmidt- spoke about experience on the Housing Advisory Council and how there is a lot of movement happening there with the nexus of behavioral health
- Marcia Hille- The Aloha Inn is expected to open in February
- Dave Mowry- There are peers at Providence St. Vincent currently one time a week to offer supports
- Carol Greenough- Encouraging other to listen to the legislative session this year
- Karen James- Is putting together an informal non-BHC legislative workgroup, please reach out to her if you have any questions

Behavioral Health Division Budget Process/Update

- Nick Ocon went over the budgeting process and explained the different budgets that the Behavioral Health Division is working with

- In addition, there was an overview of the county finance request to do some reduction scenarios. However, most of BH is specialty funding so the reduction scenarios would impact the budget very little.
- The members were invited to a budget Town Hall for February 23rd via email.
- Please see attached Powerpoint for additional information

New Business

- Via online voting, Eric Schmidt has been chosen to serve as the Vice Chair for 2023 and will be the Chair in 2024.
- Looking to add Behavioral Health to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (Karen is working on that)
- There will be some meeting agreements sent out via email to the members, please provide feedback.
- At this time, there will only be the bylaws sub-group. The group may look at standing up a Mission, Vision, and Values workgroup at some other time.

Legislative Update

- A presentation by Zakir Khan, Government Relations Manager, was provided to the group.
- He shared legislative concepts, the status of the legislative session, and what to expect.
- Please see attached document for three specific legislative concepts which are aimed directly at helping Health and Human Services (Three to Thrive handout)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting minutes for June, September, October, and November/December meeting were approved, due to administrative error.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist