

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
March 22, 2023

Present: Kim Cooper, Mary Monnat, Marcia Hille, Karen James, Carol Greenough, Colin McCoy, Eric Schmidt, Larysa Thomas, Steven Youngs

Absent: Danielle Berner, Lynne Schroeder (retired), Stephanie Rose, Dave Mowry, Rebecca Jones, Emily Matkar, Balpreet Singh, Sean Fields

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

Guests: Sally Reid, Amy Baker, Holly Greener, Jennifer Yonker, Francesca Sinapi

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program)

- We are working to cost out essential services (such as civil commitment, and abuse investigations)
 - Currently, we are \$1.2 million underfunded for these services.
- For Aid & Assist, we are currently \$1 million underfunded
- We are in the process of working on a contract with the state.
 - Previously, it was a two-year agreement which has moved to a one calendar year agreement.
 - We are hoping that it will move to a biennial agreement beginning in July 2023.
- There has been some reorganizing at the director levels of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as the current director resigned after only 2 months on the job. In addition, the new Behavioral Health Director (Ebony Clarke) has only been at her post for 3 weeks.
- Noble House update:
 - Working with Sequoia Mental Health Services and OHA to develop different funding and staffing models.
 - One barrier to licensing: The state will not approve a license as an adult foster home until the facility has a live-in manager
 - We are working closely with Sequoia and OHA to see what the restrictions are around that interpretation of the rule.
- Residential Infrastructure Update
 - There are currently \$65 million in projects that are not approved
 - HB 2544 (Funds to OHA for residential facilities for clients with MH/SUD)

- If this bill passes, we are hoping for some funding for the Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) project
 - We are also working with a secure residential treatment facility (SRTF) agency to see if we can get funding to hopefully open a facility in Washington County
- Mobile Crisis Changes
 - There is a new rule requiring a 2 person team to go out on each call (24/7)
 - Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS) for youth & families
 - This is a 56 day, insurance blind crisis service
 - We are working with CCOs, OHA, and actuaries to identify the best way to fund the services adequately

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- The state is looking to get implementation of the 1115 waiver into place by 2024
 - One area they are exploring is to keep the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) active as clients are incarcerated and/or at the Oregon State Hospital.
 - As of now, when clients are incarcerated and/or sent to the Oregon State Hospital, their benefits are turned off.
 - A housing benefit will also be explored in 2024
- OHP redetermination and renewals- now that the Public Health Emergency has ended letters will be sent out to OHP clients for renewals.

Addictions

- No updates currently.

Member Updates

- Karen James- there are salmon colored Mission, Vision, and Value sheets, please fill them out as you think of potential Mission, Vision, and Values for the BHC
- Carol Greenough- Washington County is getting ready to purchase the low-income apartments (Wood Spring) in Tigard (172 units)
- Mary Monnat- OPB is featuring graduates of several youth Lifeworks programs (EASA and day treatment) in a special they are doing on youth mental health.
- There was a reminder to the group that if anyone has a problem/concern with an agency, please contact that agency directly as there are grievance processes in place.

New/Old Business

- There was a discussion of attendance, time/day of the meetings and letting members know that we will be taking the summer off with a retreat planned in August.
- Juvenile Drug Court occurs every Wednesday- if you would like to attend, please let Karen James know.
- The Public Safety Coordinating Council letter has not been sent yet.

Measure 110 Presentation

- There is a Measure 110 provider workgroup which meets twice a month.
- Please see attached PowerPoint for more information

BHC Applicants- Discussion and Vote

- As there is not a quorum at the meeting, recommendations will be requested of the group via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

The meeting minutes for February have not been approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist