

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
January 24, 2024

Present: Kim Cooper, Mary Monnat, Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, Jennifer Yonker, Francesca Sinapi, Karen James, Stephanie Rose, Dave Mowry, Rebecca Jones, Carol Greenough, Collin McCoy, Eric Schmidt, Laura Vences, Larysa Thomas, J. Sean Fields

Absent: Steven Young

Staff: Nick Ocón, BH Director; Ian May, BH Program Manager; Kathy Prenevost, Addictions Supervisor; Theodora Gill, Administrative Specialist II

Guests: Sally Reid, Sgt. Holly Greener

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

Program Updates:

Addictions

- Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) Update:
 - The recent Peer Drop-in Center (to be in the Elam Young building) had a Request for Proposal (RFP) approved. Mental Health and Addictions of Oregon (MHA AO) as been approved as the provider for the drop-in services.
- Community building should start construction this Spring with an anticipated opening in Spring of 2025.
- Intensive services building should start construction this summer with an anticipated opening in winter of 2025.

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program)

- Received the intergovernmental agreement. Legal verbiage for the agreement is sound but there were a lot of mistakes regarding funding, specifically COLA funding. We requested an explanation and are waiting on a response.
- Aid and Assist program received half of the funding as expected. We were assured this is an administrative issue and that it will be fixed. We are waiting on the corrections before signing the agreement.
 - In 2023 the state received 6 million in Aid and Assist funds. They are using those funds to advocate for a program that supports individuals transitioning out of state hospitals. This pilot program will fund two full time employees (FTE) to handle 15 individuals, over 15 months, in six counties (Washington, Clackamas, Multnomah, Marion Lane, and Deschutes). Program success will be measured across several different data points. Counsel discussed concern about coordinated efforts between BH and Housing Services.
- The 2024 legislative short session will begin two weeks from Monday .

- The governor is looking for shovel ready projects to fund, still looking at requesting additional capital funding and sobering services for the CATT.
- Encouraged BHC members to reach out to local state representatives and senator to advocate for BH service needs.

OHP/CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- **CCO Updates will be sent via email**
- 2.5 million funds from BH were used along with funding from Housing Services to finalize the purchase of a Best Western Hotel. This property will be used to develop supportive housing that is dedicated to our clients.

BUDGET

- Washington County Behavioral Health received a budget update regarding a reduction in funding. BH program had to provide funding cut scenarios in the amounts of zero, three, and five percent decreases. The only viable solution for funding decreases would be for a reduction in county provided funds to the crisis program. This funding cut would be permanent but with the additional funding from CCO providers into the program it should still be operational.

Bylaws Update and Discussion

- Nick Ocon shared updated bylaws with notes from county counsel. Two main updates are under article V – membership. Request for reviewing entire bylaws item by item was requested during February meeting. Carol made a motion for the subcommittee to go through bylaws item by item via zoom and that meeting, and the February BHC meeting agenda would not be changed. J. Sean seconded the motion, and it was passed with majority vote.
 - Nick will schedule the sub-committee meeting to review the bylaws.
- Goal is to have bylaws agreed upon, and reviewed by all party members so the bylaws can be provided to the county counsel by April 2nd.

Member Updates/ Sharing

- Eric hosted a Washington County public affairs forum where Ian did an amazing presentation about the services available in Washington County. He was surprised by the number of people that are unaware of services available to the community.
 - Discussed different ways that services can become more known by community. Nick is going to talk with PR to see about ways we can communicate available resources. Sgt. Greener offered to help if needed.

Final Announcements

- Four members (Danielle, Mary, Becky, and Stephanie) have terms ending this year.
 - Nick will send doodle for new members.
- Nick sent out a schedule of meetings for 2024
 - March meeting will be scheduled as an ad hoc meeting to discuss membership recommendations. It will not be held at the regular time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am

December's minutes are pending approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Theodora Gill, Administrative Specialist II