

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
April 27, 2022

Present: Kim Cooper, Mary Monnat, Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, John Sheridan, Karen James, Stephanie Rose, Dave Mowry, Rebecca Jones, Carol Greenough, Eric Schmidt, Emily Matkar, Larysa Thomas, Balpreet Singh, Steven Youngs, Sean Fields

Absent: Lynne Schroeder, Colin McCoy

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

Guests: Kate Leonardi, Sally Reid, Barry Johnson-Smith, Bruce Bartlett

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program):

- Pulled from updates sent out prior by Nick Ocon via e-mail:
- We are on track to submit our Aid and Assist Request for Applications packet by 4/22.
 - Key things that are being requested are:
 - Funding for regional telepsychiatry access to manage community members' medications while they are in transition and not connected with a provider
 - A jail-based Aid and Assist Coordinator position to coordinate all necessary jail and OSH diversion resources and identify clients eligible for community restoration.
 - A Court case manager position to work within the court system to help facilitate rapid meetings and assessments to support clients. This will increase our ability to identify clients eligible for community restoration and develop supports to keep them out of custody and the state hospital
 - Funds to provide housing subsidies to maintain or establish residence for the clients under Aid and Assist.
 - A care coordination position specifically to develop transition plans from the Oregon state hospital to the community
 - Funds for a legal skills trainer position that will provide both individualized and group legal skills training to Community Restoration clients and provide updates to the CR monitor (for reporting to the court).
 - Goals we are trying to address with the RFA:
 - Decrease the number of criminal commitments to OSH from Washington County

- Transition more criminally committed patients from OSH, and earlier
 - Transition adults in custody (AIC's) earlier and more safely from detention to the community
 - Increase the number of community residential placements as an alternative to OSH and/or jail
 - Divert people from Aid and Assist (by supporting other court "actions"/alternatives)
 - Increase collaboration and engagement of stakeholders involved in the treatment and care coordination of Individuals found Unfit to Proceed
- The Division received its first allocation of increased mobile crisis dollars and are working on applying the funds to address gaps in our team related to vacancies and enhancing our services.
 - We will also be completing a capacity assessment related to mobile crisis and sending it to the state as a part of this funding.
 - There will be a second allocation of one-time funds that the county will be eligible for to enhance mobile crisis supports later in the year.
- The Division will be submitting its second report displaying needs related to the residential capacity grant we received on 4/30/22.
 - We are working with multiple Community Based Organizations (Adelante Mujeres, Bienstar, Latino Network, Lutheran community services, and Mental Health and Addictions Association of Oregon) to get community input related to housing need and service gaps.
 - The Oregon Health Authority will now be publishing grants and going into direct contracting with providers related to the \$130million dollars in residential/supportive housing investments they are managing, rather than doing requests for proposals. The next round of funding will be published in May. The final rounds will be published in September 2022, and in Spring of 2023. There is \$113m additional dollars to allocate from the OHA pool of money that was allocated by the legislature in 2021.
 - We will provide the council with our final report after we submit it in July.
- The Division will be receiving approximately \$7m dollars to develop Behavioral Health housing.
 - We will need to respond to a Request for Applications that will be published later this month in order to receive the funds.
 - The Division already has meetings on the books with our Housing Department to see how these funds can be leveraged with funds that are allocated for Supportive Housing Services.
 - The Division also has a meeting with the other metro counties, Oregon Health Authority and the CCO's to see how these funds can be support the developments that the state is invested in related to \$130 million behavioral health housing investment they are supporting.

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- Pulled from updates sent out prior by Nick Ocon via e-mail:
- We were notified that notification had from OHA regarding a redetermination start date has not gone out to our CCO partners. I had provided information that it was due to start on 4/1, but that appears to have changed. The new anticipated date is 7/1/22. I will continue to update the council on this. Redetermination refers to redetermining a Medicaid members eligibility.
- The county is starting conversations with Health Share around implementing the *Connect Oregon* platform to help support partnerships between the counties and Health Share around supporting Social Determinants of Health for community members.

Addictions

- We just received word that the Measure 110 application will be receiving an award. Currently, the award amount is still unknown.

Member Updates

- Letter of Support for Medicaid 1115 waiver was emailed on 4/11/2022
- Carol- Here Together is putting together campaign
- Karen- Thank you to Eric for asking the questions at the DA debate

Member Recruitment Updates

- New member: Colin McCoy has been approved by the Board of Commissioners as a new member
- Larysa Thomas, Dave Mowry, and Sean Fields have been appointed for a second term.
- The group decided that BH 101 would be better as an ad hoc meeting outside of the meeting.
- The BHC is at 18 members for 2022 as there is one vacant slot.

Bylaws Committee Update

- The group has agreed to use the current skeleton as our template for the bylaws.
- The group is working to build a good foundation so that they can begin the work of updating the language of the bylaws.
- There have been good discussions within the group.
- This process will take a long time (no shorter than 6 months).

Behavioral Health Summit Update and Workforce Impact on Provider Network

- There have been many challenges for the providers
- Wait times for clients have been 3-6 months
- Wages and other systemic issues are adding to the perfect storm of workforce crisis.
- Vision Action Network (VAN) Summit was good- about 90-100 participants
- There were 4 different areas that results were categorized by:
 - **Workforce Development** - training for new and existing staff/volunteers; development of career pathways w/ high schools, community colleges, universities
 - **Immediate Care** - near-term improvements to support for workers and clients

- **Child Care** - increasing childcare capacity to support workers and clients
- **Awareness Campaign** – engaging in public outreach to highlight challenges and opportunities that will garner community support

Mission/Visions/Values Update and BHC Get Together

- M/V/V will be on hold until we are able to update the bylaws
- There was agreement among the group to possibly have a get-together. More information to come at a future meeting.

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

The meeting minutes for March have been approved.

The Washington County Behavioral Health Division will be looking at making our September meeting in-person.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist