

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
January 24, 2022

Present: Mary Monnat, Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, Lynne Schroeder, 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: Kim Cooper

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

Guests: Sally Reid, Sarah Zephirin, Colin McCoy, Lindsay Downen, Holly Blalack, Bruce Bartlett

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

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program):

- Public Guardianship Program- a follow-up was provided with the following information:
 - This program lives within the Aging and People with Disabilities program
 - Multnomah is the only county in Oregon with this program
 - There is a statewide public guardianship program, but it is full currently. There is a need for people to provide guardian services.
 - Washington County has historically worked with Gewurtz and Menasche to provide legal consult to family members, but they are no longer doing that. We are working to find another partner.
 - Guardian Partners may be a new resource available in our county.
- Many Adult Foster Homes (AFH) have been closing including Noble House
 - Noble House closed on December 31st, but we are working with another provider to see if we can re-open. While it is closed, the Housing department is working on fixing significant plumbing issues in the house (replace the septic system).
 - With the AFH closures, we are working to transition clients from their current locations to new locations in a seamless manner.
 - The main reasons for AFH closures are workforce shortage and increased acuity of clients.
 - While there are some closures, we have also been notified that there are a couple of new Adult Foster Homes opening.
- Hawthorn's hours have changed
 - They just had a two-week closure due to staffing
- Mental Health Response Team (MHRT) expansion update
 - We have been able to expand to all our cities

- Working on hiring clinicians for the rest of the teams- there is a need for a clinician to work with the Trimet Transit Police
- There have been a lot of success stories from South County teams- lots of good press
- MHRT is a specialized team with law enforcement official and MH clinician
- Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (OEICE) has been working on a land acknowledgement (which has been adopted by the Board of Commissioners)
 - Based on guidance around use, we will begin using it in February or March meeting

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- Health Share of Oregon will allocate over 10% of budget to behavioral health (from physical health) over a two-year period
- Received a \$30,000 grant from Trillium to help with an anti-stigma campaign for CATT project
 - Will be working with other CCOs in our area to see if they would like to contribute to the campaign

Addictions

- An update was given about the Measure 110 request for proposal:
 - Our application was submitted (along with 300 other applications)
 - We will find out award identification around the end of February (needed an additional two weeks)

Member Updates

- Carol- The Supportive Housing group has released a roadmap: <https://heretogetheroregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/HereTogether-2022-Roadmap-to-Accelerate-Relief-for-Portland-Regions-Homeless-Crisis-1.pdf>
- Lynne- provided an update the Juvenile Department's grant application and how it was success. They will get 4 additional years of funding (which will be geared towards program expansion to include more youth and to enhance services to youth and families of color). Back-to-back grants are very rare, but the Juvenile Department has been very fortunate.
- Marcia- making a request for a Supported Housing update for future meeting
- Sean- language in the New Member Packet regarding Roberts Rules of Order (still in process).
- Sean- regarding workforce issues- are we being creative enough to address the issues?
 - We are looking at rules and doing our best to reduce barriers
 - This conversation is happening at all levels (including State level)
- There was also a discussion on how peer services are helpful and what is done to reduce barriers (trainings, accreditation, revisiting criteria).
- Working on a process for members so that we can use the member update time as efficiently as possible. If there is an update- please email Aika Fallstrom in advance of the meeting.

BHC Quarter One of 2022 Calendar Review

- January- meeting focus will be tying up loose ends (bylaws, Vice Chair, Mission/Visions/Values)
- February- Forensics updates and legislative session overview and update
- March- An update of the Youth Resiliency Project and New Member Recruitment (voting)
- We are looking for feedback for second quarter
 - System of Care Council
 - Continue the work that BHC members started in 2021
- April- possibly looking at systems (Housing? Law Enforcement?)

Bylaws Committee and Member Vote

- There was a motion at the December meeting to create a bylaws sub-committee with a 90 days' timeline- it was tabled as there was no quorum.
- There was a new proposal for a five-member sub-committee with no timeline (proposal passes and amended to a six-person committee, plus one Washington County Behavioral Health staff).
- Group will consist of: Eric Schmidt, Preet Singh, Stephanie Rose, Sean Fields, Lynne Schroeder, Steven Youngs, and Aika Fallstrom

Discuss Adoption and/or Revision of Mission, Vision, Values

- A motion was made to redistribute the mission, vision, and values statement among the members for further discussion. (Motion passes)

Chair in Waiting Nomination and Vote

- Have two candidates currently, Stephanie Rose was also nominated
- Candidates to send a brief statement to Chair and support staff, then those will get redistributed to the group for a vote by email (silent vote).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

The meeting minutes for December have been approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist