

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
July 28, 2021

Present: Kim Cooper, Marcia Hille, Mary Monnat, Lynne Schroeder, Karen James, Stephanie Rose, Carol Greenough, Eric Schmidt, Emily Matkar, Balpreet Singh, Steven Youngs, Sean Fields, Larysa Thomas, Dave Mowry

Absent: John Sheridan, Rebecca Jones, Jessica Cardinal

Staff: Nick Ocon, BH Director; Naomi Hunsaker, SUD Program Coordinator; Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist

Guests: John Trinh

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

Program Updates:

CMHP:

- Sgt. Dustin Sluman has retired from the Washington County Sheriff's Office
- CATT (Center for Addictions Treatment and Triage) project has gotten the green light from the Washington County Board of Commissioners to continue the next phase (including site selection).
- There will be summary sent out about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the county will be receiving. (Please see attached)

CCO

- Working closely with CCOs and CareOregon around workforce issues and development
- Health Share clients have a higher percentage of MH clients who have been fully vaccinated (53%)

Addictions

- A presentation was given to the BHC about Overdose Data Trends (please see attached Powerpoint)
- Information included:
 - What are the avenues of communication already in place?
 - Partnering with other counties on coordinated efforts and media campaigns
 - Washington County has many response efforts including:
 - Partnering with internal departments and divisions (Sheriff's Office and Public Health) and external entities (Fire & Rescue, EMS, etc).

- Increasing the availability of Nalaxone (Narcan) for the public and community partners- the number of bystander interventions has gone up

Member Updates:

- Sean- There will be 2-3 more meetings of the New Member Packet Committee to continue to flesh out the contents of the packet.

By-laws Process Overview, Update, and Timeline

- Nick presented an overview of the by-laws revision process (including work to do and work that has already been done)
- The council has moved to allow Nick and Aika to continue by-laws research (including statute requirements, internal research and external research).
- The group shared feedback which included: working with County Counsel and working with the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement

BHC Housekeeping: Where We Are At and Where We Are Going

- Prior to the meeting, BHC members were asked to reflect upon the following 7 questions:
 - Who are we as an advisory board and what is our purpose?
 - What are the priorities for service delivery? .
 - What is the current process for participating in the selection of service providers; what criteria do we use to evaluate services to assure that they are effectively addressing the needs and priorities of our stakeholders, and are of high quality?
 - What methods do we use to determine how recommendations are given?
 - Should there be a process for selecting the BHC Chair?
 - Does the BHC want to take a more involved role in creating meeting agendas? .
 - Should we resume our in-person meetings in September 2021? (When this question was originally posed, the County had different in-person meeting guidelines.)
- Due to the constraints of time, the Chair asked that the members fill out the questions and submit the responses to Aika and Sean
- Some of the longer serving members shared their views on where the BHC has been and their views on the evolution of the council
- The importance of finding a good balance between “institutional memory” and new members was discussed
- There was also discussion on term limits for members.
- The council voted to increase our September meeting to 2 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting minutes for June have been approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist