

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**Behavioral Health Council**  
**Wednesday**  
**February 23, 2022**

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

**Absent:** Danielle Berner, John Sheridan, Eric Schmidt

**Staff:** Nick Ocon, BH Director; Ian May, BH Program Manager; Kathy Prenevo, Addictions Supervisor; Chance Wooley, Forensic Services Supervisor; Paige Spence, Government Relations Manager; Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist

**Guests:** Sally Reid, Sarah Zephirin

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

**Program Updates:**

**CMHP (Community Mental Health Program):**

- We are currently waiting on a non-competitive Request for Applications (RFA) to be published for Aid & Assist services with the hope that the funds will be pushed out to the various counties by the beginning of July.
- In the last legislative session, there was \$130 million dollars allocated to behavioral health residential services and supported housing services
  - There was \$5 million issued in planning grants (Washington County was one of 104 awardees. We have partnered with 5 other Community Based Organizations (CBO) to get as much community input as possible).
- For additional updates, please see the attached email.

**CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)**

- Please see attached email

**Addictions**

- Due to a five-year cycle, we will be beginning a Request for Proposal (RFP) process this year for several different Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. Some BHC members may be asked to serve as panelists.
- A Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) update was given to the group. (Please see attached slide show).
  - It was asked that the BHC provide a letter of support for the Hillsboro Planning Commission. (Motion passes for WCBH to draft letter and send to BHC for feedback).
- Measure 110 update- we are still waiting to hear about the decisions regarding awards

## **Member Updates**

- This portion was skipped during the meeting due to time constraints

## **Chair in Waiting Nomination Vote Update**

- Karen James has been selected as the Vice Chair for 2022

## **Forensic Services and Commitment Law Overview**

- Programs in Forensics:
  - Civil Commitment
    - This will be discussed at a future meeting.
  - Jail Diversion
    - Based on the Substance Use and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) model called the Sequential Intercept Model
    - This model looks at where people can be diverted into services rather than arrest and jail.
    - Coordinates quarterly Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT) for local law enforcement agencies
    - This program also includes the Beaverton Municipal Court Liaison, Jail Liaison, Jail Care Coordination
  - Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) Services
    - Adults in Custody who have committed a felony and are found by the courts to be Guilty Except for Insanity (GEI) are placed under the jurisdiction of the PSRB.
  - Aid & Assist Services
    - In 2016, there were 17 people criminally committed at the Oregon State Hospital. In 2022, we are averaging 60 criminally committed individuals. However, funding has not increased.
    - There is an RFA which is only one year will which end on June 30, 2023.
      - We will be asking for a position to help provide case management services for clients who are found unable to aid & assist.
    - \$826,000 in federal funds to be used for clients in the 2022 calendar year. New Narrative has put together a proposal to operate a peer-run transition team for clients getting out of the Oregon State Hospital and/or the jail. We are still waiting to hear back.

## **Mission, Vision, Values Vote and Update**

- The motion has been tabled as there was still further discussion
- The changes will be made and re-submitted to the group
- It was also discussed that BHC members are considered public officials and that the newest guide for public officials will be sent out next week to the group.

## **2022 Legislative Short Session Update**

- An overview of the 2022 Legislative Short Session update was given with specific bills regarding behavioral health
  - Please see attached materials (State Legislative Agenda and summary of bills)

- We are currently in a one hour notice which means that bills only need one hour notice (instead of standard 24 hours) to go to public hearing. It also indicates that the pace is picking up as this session will be ending by March 7.
- Some specific bills that we are watching:
  - SB 1514: Workforce attraction and retention (temporary bill that ends in 2024)- allows employers to provide retention bonuses and recruitment bonuses which do not count as compensation
  - SB 1545: A financial package regarding workforce for healthcare, manufacturing, and construction (will contain additional retention and recruitment bonuses)
  - There is an ask for 211 to operate 24/7
  - OHA has presented policy proposals including risk sharing- want to fine counties for sending people to Oregon State Hospital (this is not a policy we are supportive of)
  - HB 4004: Association of County Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP) workforce retention package (Current range is \$66-132 million)
    - 75% of funds will go to assist providers in recruitment and retention
  - HB 4071: Unlicensed Providers to be eligible for financial incentives
    - Adding “Associates” category which includes the following licensures: LMFT (Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist), LPC (Licensed Professional Counselors), and those currently working on licensure and registered for post degree supervision with an emphasis on community and culturally specific services.
  - HB4098: Opioid Settlement Agreement
    - 55% of funds will go to local government
    - 45% used for prevention and treatment
    - To stand up a committee to figure out how to appropriate funds
  - HB 4010: Kratom Regulation Bill
  - HB 4081: Naloxone Bill: The bill would require pharmacist dispensing opioids to also offer naloxone prescription to client
  - HB 4084: Lowering age of consent (it did not pass)
- Revenue forecast for the state is good as funds from CARES and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) have helped with budget
  - HB 4005: Childcare needs- \$100 million dollar ask, reduced to \$50 million

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.**

**The meeting minutes for January have been approved.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist**