

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
June 22, 2022

Present: Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, Karen James, Dave Mowry, Rebecca Jones, Carol Greenough, Colin McCoy, Eric Schmidt, Emily Matkar, Larysa Thomas, Balpreet Singh, Steven Youngs, Sean Fields

Absent: Kim Cooper, Mary Monnat, Lynne Schroeder, Stephanie Rose

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

Guests: Brad Anderson, Sally Reid, Rachael Mark, Christy Wedlake, Kate Leonardi

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

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program) (information taken from previous email):

- A media release went out on June 13th that effective June 15th and until further notice Hawthorn can no longer accept Walk-ins due to ongoing workforce issues.
 - Crisis supports are still available and are being triaged through the Crisis Line (503) 291-9111
 - There is signage on Hawthorn that lets community members know how to access care while walk ins are not available.
 - We are actively working with Lifeworks around recruitment
- We are meeting with the Oregon Health Authority on June 23rd to finalize our agreement for the expanded Aid and Assist Funds.
 - The funding that was initially supposed to be for \$15million annually across the state has been revised to \$15 million for the biennium.
 - Washington County will receive more than anticipated for this next year and are continuing to negotiate the biennium amount. It looks like our annual increase will be approximately \$700k of the \$1.2k requested on an ongoing basis.
- We submitted our RFA for housing dollars to the state of Oregon
 - \$5.93 million is available to Washington County
 - We adjusted our amounts due to award amounts/funding available under the M110 Grant and Aid and Assist Funding
 - Proposal is for:
 - \$2.5 million dollars to develop a hotel with the Housing Services Department

- \$2.2 million to develop 44 residential SUD beds as a part of the CATT intensive services building.
- \$1.2 million available for temporary housing for the aid and assist population
- Amounts will be adjusted as needed in communication with the state if our award amounts for other grants change

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations) (updates taken from previous email)

- CareOregon will be doing another round of provider rate increases effective August 1st.
 - They will be targeting: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Outpatient services, and Residential Services for Organizations that hold a Certificate of Approval from the State.
 - 12% Proposed increase on Substance Use Disorder Services and 10% rate increase on Mental health services
- CareOregon is also standing up a process to identify and implement additional system investments for the near- and long-term health of the behavioral health network
 - This will include a stakeholder input process to help us with determining priorities and identifying specific investments to make 10% Proposed Increase on Mental Health Services
- House Bill 3352 will expand Cover all Kids Eligibility to adults who would otherwise qualify for OHP except for immigration status (cover all people) effective July 1st. Coverage begins July 11th
 - Eligibility:
 - People who live in Oregon who:
 - Meet income and other criteria,
 - Currently don't qualify for full OHP benefits because of their immigration status
 - Are 19-25 years old *or* 55 years and older.
- Health Share and Care Oregon Initiative around expanding access for Behavioral Health
 - \$7.5m investment in workforce stabilization and recruitment
 - Media Campaign partnership with Oregon Council of Behavioral Health
 - Expansion of telehealth services
 - Increased Behavioral Health Navigation resources/focus

Addictions

- An update on the Request for Proposal process was given
 - Thank you to Eric Schmidt, Sean Fields, and Preet Singh for helping to serve as panelists for the different service areas. Your contribution was valuable!
 - There will be 15 providers across the system and 5 of the providers will provide culturally specific services (Spanish speaking).
- Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) Update
 - The RFP for provider has closed and we will be working with CODA as the service provider for the Intensive Services Building

- Architect RFP is closed and we will be working with Holst Architecture on the design for the two buildings (Intensive and Community Services)

Member Updates

- Karen
 - See Dr. Pinals' report regarding recommendations on Aid and Assist.
 - Trauma Informed Oregon has free training modules available

County Counsel Overview of Role of Board and Commissions Members as Public Officials

- There are many hats that B&C members wear
- State ethics- conflict of interest (monetary gain)
- Actual vs. potential conflict of interest
 - Actual: How will this help myself or my family? It must be disclosed and the member cannot discuss or vote on the issue
 - Potential: They must disclose that there is a potential conflict, but members can discuss and vote
- Any email communications are considered public record and can be requested, so all members will need to keep the emails for one year, per Public Retention Laws- be mindful of chain emails
 - The original sender of the email must retain the email
- Phone calls are not considered public record
- Regarding advocacy issues, members can share recommendations to the Board of Commissioners via Washington County Behavioral Health Division

Behavioral Health Budget Overview

- Please see attached slideshow

Behavioral Health Council Event in August

- There will be a mini-retreat for members only, please keep an eye out for email communications.

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

The meeting minutes for May have been approved with proposed correction.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist