

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
March 23, 2022

Present: Mary Monnat, Marcia Hille, Lynne Schroeder, Karen James, Dave Mowry, Carol Greenough, Eric Schmidt, Balpreet Singh, Steven Youngs, Sean Fields

Absent: Kim Cooper, Danielle Berner, John Sheridan, Stephanie Rose, Rebecca Jones, Emily Matkar, Larysa Thomas

Staff: Nick Ocon, BH Director; Kathy Prenevost, Addictions Supervisor; Cynara Blackwood, Youth System Development & Investment Coordinator; Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist

Guests: Sally Reid, Colin McCoy

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

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program):

- A letter support from BHC to Hillsboro Planning Commission is no longer needed as focus has changed and will be working on changing language in the code instead.
 - Building owner has agreed to remain for extra time to get language changed.
- Public Guardianship update
 - There is nothing in Washington County
 - Statewide Guardianship program has expanded- hired 6 new guardians (increased capacity to 180 clients)
 - ARDC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) has requested additional funding in next budget cycle to add 18 new staff
 - Washington County will be executing a new contract with Samuels Yoelin Kantor to assist family members become guardians.
- Senate allocated \$100 million to go directly to CMHPs for housing. We are currently working with AOCMHP (Association of Community Mental Health Programs) to figure out the distribution of funds and what that will look like.
 - While parameters and timelines attached to funding are still unknown, these funds can go towards:
 - Building secure housing, residential treatment homes, and long-term supports (establish and maintaining stable housing), expand supported housing services, and help clients gain access to immediate needs (food and clothing).
- Aid & Assist update
 - RFA (Request for Applications) was published last week, and we have a quick turnaround to get that application in by April 22nd.

- We are looking to see what metrics we can measure so that we can continue to ask for continuing funding instead of one-time funds
- Unfortunately, Aid & Assist funding we receive is separate from other funding and needs to be reported as such

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- Have been working very closely with the leadership with Trillium Community Health Plan around network adequacy
 - Now able to take new members in Metro area (membership was on hold as they were working on a corrective action plan)
- April 1st- the governor is lifting the Public Health Emergency Order and therefore OHP redeterminations will begin again
 - Working with Health Share to help mitigate affected members

Addictions

- An update was given about the Measure 110 application- hopefully awards will be announced at the end of April.
- We are currently doing an RFP (request for proposal) process and awards should be given in about 6 weeks or so.

Member Updates

- On March 29, Vision Action Network (VAN) will be hosting a Behavioral Health Workforce Summit via Zoom
- Carol- Reminder that it is campaign season, so now is the time that candidates will listen.
- Karen-
 - Sequoia has closed Hillsboro medical clinic (for now),
 - There is a new expansion of Mental Health Specialty Court
 - Requesting a legislative wrap up update
- Sean- Can we ask someone from DA's office to come speak with us
- Eric- There will be a debate with DA candidates tomorrow (3/24). Any questions, please email Eric.
- Marcia- Sequoia will be opening a Residential Treatment Home in Hillsboro

Resiliency Project/Coordinator Update

- An update was provided to the council on how this project is going. (Please see attached Powerpoint).

Public Officials Packet

- Reminder that all communications sent by members are public records and can be discoverable, if requested.
- This should be added to the New Member Packet for future members

BHC Applicant Vote/Discussion

- Current members to get votes by email to Aika Fallstrom and Nick Ocon by end of day (3/23) or early Thursday (3/24).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

The meeting minutes for February have been approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist