

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Behavioral Health Council
Wednesday
May 25, 2022

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

Absent: Danielle Berner, John Sheridan, Balpreet Singh

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

Guests: Kate Leonardi, Sally Reid, Adam Rodakowski, Sonja Likumhuma-Ackman

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

Program Updates:

CMHP (Community Mental Health Program):

- **Updated information:** The Division will be receiving approximately \$5.9 Million dollars to develop Behavioral Health housing.
 - We will need to respond to a Request for Applications that will be published later this month in order to receive the funds.
 - The Division already has meetings on the books with our Housing Department to see how these funds can be leveraged with funds that are allocated for Supportive Housing Services.
 - We are looking at opening a hotel (\$3M for capital investment) which would create 16-18 of permanent supportive housing units.
 - We are looking to dedicate a portion of these funds to fund the development of the 44 residential beds at CATT
 - We are dedicating funds to develop an RFP to develop temporary housing support for the Aid and Assist Population

CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)

- No updates currently

Addictions

- An update on the Request for Proposal process was given
 - There were 11 services areas to procure (including, but not limited to: outpatient, residential, withdrawal management and housing subsidies)

- 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).
- Measure 110 Update
 - It is called the Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN)
 - Washington County's application was a collaboration of all the providers in Washington County
 - Washington County will receive funding, but the amount is currently unknown
- Center for Addictions Triage and Treatment (CATT) Update
 - The RFP for provider will be closing on Friday (5/27)
 - Architect RFP is closed and there are two great candidates to decide between
 - There was a fiscal analysis done by an outside firm and is available for review

Member Updates

- Carol- if anyone has any additional supports for seniors at Woodbridge Apartments, please let her know

Children's System of Care Council Overview

- Created in 2019 by state legislature as a result of the system
- 25 person council appointed by the Governor
- In 2021- changed from being under OHA to an independent council
- For more information- please see attached slideshow
- For additional questions or more information, please contact Adam Rodakowski: arodakowski@gobhi.org

Civil Commitment Overview

- There have been psychiatric services since 1859 (thanks to Dr. James Hawthorne)
- Until 1970s, the focus was on keeping people safe. In 1970s, there was a shift and legislation aimed at protecting civil liberties.
- 2013 saw some changes to statute- person can be committed if they are "extremely dangerous" (meaning person committed a Measure 11 crime-(a person-to-person crime)).
- In 2014, AOT (Assisted Outpatient Treatment) was passed. Washington County does not use AOT very often.
 - One major drawback is that court cannot order clients to treatment if they are unwilling.
- In 2019, the criminal code was changed (.370) and added language around what courts can do regarding Aid & Assist
- There could be a lot of legislation in the upcoming 2023 long session
 - Once could be looking at a 2 week commitment period
- An update on Dr. Pinal's evaluation was provided
- Process of civil commitment
 - Law Enforcement entities take people to designated hospitals
 - Notice of Mental Illness (can be written at hospital or by a judge)
 - Two-party petition can also occur

- Two-Party Petition is when A two-party petition is a process whereby two people who have reason to believe that another person is dangerous to themselves or to others, or is unable to provide for their basic personal needs, because of a mental disorder.

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

The meeting minutes for April have been approved.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist