

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: October 5, 2020
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Attendees:

Nick Christensen, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Lisa Laake, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Steven Olson, Barry Wilson

BHS Staff:

Ryan Barstow, Jessica Plummer, Kim Priddy, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell

Audience:

Andrea Persson, Kim Sharpe, Laura Schwartz, Megan Verros, Michael Ruttenberg, Seth Forwood

Absent:

Marianne Dungan, Troy Hamman, Steve Johnson, Lisa Kurth, Scott Webermeier

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 8:05 a.m.

AGENDA REVIEW

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) Laurie Stolen asked if all members had a chance to review the September meeting minutes. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting. Chad Morris made the motion, seconded by Steve Olson, the motion was approved unanimously.
- b) Laurie Stolen presented the advisory group applicants and the recommended appointments for open PAC, TAC, and CAC seats. Laurie answered questions from the council on the applications and the evaluation process. The council also shared feedback on how to improve the process and what other information they would like to see captured on applications. Laurie asked for a motion to approve the formation of the CAC and assign it equal authority as the PAC and TAC. Will Karspeck made the motion, seconded by Steve Olson, no further discussion was requested, 9 in favor 1 opposed, motion carried.
- c) Laurie asked for a motion to approve the 15 recommended CAC appointments. Will Karspeck made the motion, seconded by Steve Olson, no further discussion was requested, motion approved unanimously. A discussion took place around the need for diverse representation of all areas including qualifications, experience, cultural competence, municipality, and ethnicity on the boards and how that can be accomplished.
- d) Laurie asked for a motion to approve the 10 recommended TAC appointments. Chad Morris made the motion, seconded by Will Karspeck, no further discussion was requested, motion approved unanimously. A discussion took place on how to handle vacancies on the committees if a recommended applicant declined their offer. It was decided that the CAC would move forward with the number of members that accepted the appointment and not wait until all 15 seats were full.
- e) Laurie asked for a motion to approve the 2 recommended PAC appointments. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Will Karspeck, no further discussion was requested, 9 in favor, no opposed, Chad Morris abstained since he was one of the appointments being recommended. All recommended advisory group appointments will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners for ratification.
- f) Laurie Stolen presented the proposed bylaw changes for the BHPC. No discussion or edits were requested on the proposed changes, however, the council asked for further detail to be added to the bylaws explaining the annual appointment process for vacant advisory group seats. Laurie suggested we make those edits and bring it back for council review in November, this was seconded by Steve Olson.

- g) Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell asked for input from the BHPC regarding what they would like to see included in the annual report. She also shared updates for the annual report process which will be printed in both English and Spanish and is scheduled for release in March 2021. Laurie Stolen asked for any feedback council members would like included in the 2020 report to be sent to herself or Ryan Barstow for consideration.
- h) As a 2020 year in review, Laurie Stolen gathered information from each council member on the work they'd like to "start", "stop", or "continue" to improve this council's work. There were no "stops" but members shared feedback captured in the following themes:

Continue to expand knowledge, expertise, and representation on the council and it's subcommittees, funding good work in the community, receiving detailed information to make well-informed decisions, stay flexible to community needs, and to continue the good work of the council.

Start in-person meetings/hybrid model, visits to service providers/organizations, staying well informed of ongoing projects, prioritizing community outreach and education for consumers, and utilizing a BHS dashboard.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Laurie Stolen shared that the location of future meetings (in-person vs. virtual) will remain to be determined monthly based on circumstances.
- b) Laurie shared that there will not be a BHS end of year event for 2020.
- c) Laurie gave a reminder to the council on the facility groundbreaking set for 12/16/20 and that more information is to come. She also added that a standing update on the facility will be added to future agendas.
- d) Laurie shared an update on the facility branding RFP and that we've received 25 proposals from agencies. Proposals are being evaluated now and a decision is to be made by the end of the year.

ADJOURN – 10:01 a.m.