

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date:** January 11, 2021  
**Time:** 8:30-10:30am  
**Location:** Zoom Webinar  
**Contact:** Laurie Stolen, Director  
Ryan Barstow, Business Operations Coordinator

Attendees:

Diane Allen, Whitney Bennett-Clear, Stephanie Booco, Annette Brown, Lory Clukey, Angela De Los Santos, Seth Forwood, Kaycee Headrick, Shannon Hughes, Cheryl Jacobs, Radhwan Jubair, Stephanie Madsen-Pixler, Patrice Marqui, Heather O'Hayre, Rachel Olsen, Carol Plock, Michael Ruttenberg, Laura Schwartz, Kim Sharpe, MaryBeth Swanson, Nick Verni-Lau

BHS Staff:

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

Absent: Tom Gonzales, Nathan Hall, Emily Humphrey, Laurie Klith, Heather Vesgaard, Jessie Willard

CALL TO ORDER – 8:33 a.m.

1. Laurie Stolen conducted a roll call where BHS staff and TAC members introduced themselves, their role/status, and shared their thoughts on what they're looking forward to having the group accomplish this year.
2. Laurie and Carol Plock briefly discussed [healthinfosource.com](https://www.healthinfosource.com) which is a resource available to find behavioral health services in the community and how the platform, which supports it, was recently modernized.

## STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Minute approval - December minutes from the 12/7/20 joint meeting of the BHPC, TAC, and CAC were approved by the Behavioral Health Policy Council on 1/4/21. Laurie reminded committee members that minutes and other advisory group related materials can be found on the advisory group portal on the BHS site, [here](#) (password is bh4larimer).
2. Laurie asked the committee if there are any standing agenda items that they'd like to see added to future TAC agendas. No requests were made. If anyone thinks of something they'd like to see added, they can reach out to Ryan Barstow at [barstorz@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:barstorz@co.larimer.co.us)

## DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie reviewed the planned 2021 schedule, available [here](#), and there was general consensus from the committee on the format.
2. Laurie discussed the proposed addition of Chair and Vice-Chair positions to the BHPC and TAC to help drive collective conversations and decisions as well as participating in the planning of meetings, setting agendas, etc. Laurie also reviewed the nomination and appointing process for these positions. Without hearing any reaction or objection to the positions or process, Laurie proposed holding the nomination and appointment process at the start of the February meeting.
3. Kim Priddy recapped the TAC's work in 2019 and 2020 reviewed the plan for the 2021 work session.
  - a. In 2019 TAC work included some ecosystem and customer journey mapping, outreach and education, creating funding criteria, and informing the scoring matrix for evaluation of the Impact Fund grant applications. In 2019 the funding priorities were identified as:
    - i. Suicide Prevention
      1. Crisis Intervention
      2. Veterans
    - ii. Mental Health & SUD Programming, support
    - iii. Community engagement, Stigma reduction, training
    - iv. Innovation, pop-up, open request, 1x funding/event...
  - b. The TAC's work in 2020 included a work session from January - March to determine goals, brainstorm evidence based practices to reach those goals and the result identified the following 2020 funding priorities:
    - i. Care Coordination & Responsivity
    - ii. COVID-19 Crisis & Recovery and Outreach
    - iii. Mental Illness & Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Programming
    - iv. Screening, Early Identification, & Intervention
  - c. Some lessons learned from TAC work in 2019 and 2020 and the resulting changes are:

- i. Funding priorities should and will remain consistent through strategic planning cycles (3-5 years)
      - 1. Action: Revamped logic model
    - ii. Need to close the loop on results of the work session
      - 1. Action: New proposed work session structure
    - iii. A three-month work session = six hours of work time. Need to maximize time with TAC members.
      - 1. Action: New proposed work session structure
    - iv. Need to incorporate and emphasize consumer voice
      - 1. Action: Joint CAC/TAC work session
  - d. Kim also presented a revamped BHS logic model which incorporates maintaining funding priorities across multiple years and how long-term results will then be achieved. Kim also shared how an evaluation plan is being developed and how it will be used to measure community needs and quantify how funding will be applied to generate those results and meet those needs.
  - e. Kim then reviewed the theory of change that's being used to conceptualize the logic model and how this work will be achieved. Essentially, the advisory groups will inform the impacts necessary to affect change in the community by making recommendations of how we can achieve those impacts via grant dollars.
  - f. Kim detailed how this work will be completed this year via a work session, the groundwork of which will be collected via survey, (to be sent to committee members by email). The survey will also identify work groups that committee members will be assigned to for the work session, to identify the desired impacts. The committee's recommendations will then be consolidated and prioritized in April to be presented to the Behavioral Health Policy Council in May for their consideration. Then at the June meeting, we'll recap the work session via a retrospective, determine what worked, what didn't, and how the committee's work informed the grant application. Unless the committee identifies other work they'd like to achieve we won't meet in July or August but will reconvene in September to review the grant applications recommended by the BHPC.
4. Laurie asked if there were additional efforts the TAC would like to accomplish in 2021. Committee members shared they'd like a debriefing on the BHS response to COVID -19 to know where strengths and weaknesses are and have a proactive plan for the future. Laurie then recapped by leading a discussion of the COVID response and services available as a result.
5. Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell reviewed the BHS facility naming & branding project. She shared that the request for proposal process used to find a partner to work with us on the branding and naming of the facility was highly competitive, 25 proposals were received. The selection committee spent a lot of time reviewing and evaluating the proposals. The selected proposal was from Xuma Communications out of Denver. They were selected partially because of their strong reliance on data/research and they're fully equipped to handle the research behind the reasoning to name and brand the facility. They will work

with several stakeholder groups, including the TAC, and the project is currently designed to occur in 4 phases and work kicked off this month and is set to wrap up in May and will be approved by county leadership.

6. Laurie opened up to the group a conversation around potentially adding a youth voice to the advisory groups. Committee members indicated they think it would be valuable and ideas suggested focused on adding a youth voice to the Consumer Advisory Committee, soliciting youth input online, possibly through social media via a questionnaire or survey and utilizing the crisis center or the youth advisory council through the behavioral health initiative. Laurie suggested the BHS staff could work on putting together a questionnaire to seek the input we're looking to get and bring it back to the TAC. If members have any thoughts or feedback on questions they think would be beneficial to include to ask youth to get their input, please feel free to share those back as well.

#### INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Laura Schwartz shared some COVID immunization information that can be found [here](#).
2. Kim Priddy provided [a link](#) to some data on community mental health impacts from COVID-19. The data was collected via a new survey from a Facebook collaboration with a consortium of universities, public health officials, and the Delphi group at Carnegie Mellon University.
3. The next meeting on Feb. 8th which will be a joint meeting with the CAC will be virtual.

ADJOURN – 10:30 a.m.