

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: June 7, 2021
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Jody Shaddock-McNally, Kathi Wright

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Christine Cunningham, Sarah McKeen, Tamara Merritt

Attendees:

Beth Sowder, Seth Forwood, Kyle McPherson

BHS Staff:

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

Absent:

Troy Hamman, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Steve Olson, Barry Wilson

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05 a.m. (Quorum was not yet met but members agreed to proceed with the meeting)

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Grantee Virtual Tour:
 - a. Sarah McKeen from Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County, a 2020 BHS Grantee, presented a virtual site visit by presenting an overview of her agency's work, [available here](#). Sarah then answered Council member's questions.

- b. Tamara Merritt from Hearts and Horses, also a 2020 BHS Grantee, presented a virtual site visit by providing an overview of her agency's work and presented a video, [available here](#). Tamara then answered Council member's questions.
2. After the virtual tours a quorum was met and Nick Christensen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Marianne Dungan made the motion, seconded by Will Karspeck, the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Kim Priddy provided an update on the BHS Dashboard. Kim obtained the most recent data from the State and all data from 2020 and the first few months of 2021 is now available in the dashboard. She also removed the Facebook COVID survey data from the dashboard and added an indicator showing the year to date rate of suicide deaths in Larimer County. Members then discussed observations regarding recent data on suicide, overdose, anxiety, and depression rates.
4. Laurie Stolen then gave an update on the BHS Facility. She shared that progress is being made with CDPHE regarding the permitting and regulatory steps, easement approval has been granted, and work continues on the budgetary aspect as construction material costs surge. At this point the focus is on an early 2023 opening for the facility.
5. Laurie reviewed the Community Landscape update sharing that Andrew Battles who was a former Technical Advisory Committee member has left UC Health, Monica Smith the executive director of Mountain Crest has retired, and Dawn Williams who was a manager at Mountain Crest has moved to North Point detox in Loveland. Laurie recently met with Celeste Simmons, the new executive director of Mountain Crest and hopes to have her and Andrew Battles' replacement, Alyssa Stroup, join a future BHPC meeting as guests to meet everyone. Additionally, the former Clearview Behavioral Health Hospital has been bought out and is now Johnstown Heights. Scott Snodgrass is the CEO of the facility, a 92 bed psychiatric hospital that will provide inpatient psychiatric and detox services.
6. Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell gave an update on the BHS facility naming and branding project by summarizing the research gathered by Xuma Communications, Inc. Jen's presentation is available [here](#) and a more in-depth version which was presented to SummitStone Health Partners is available [here](#).
7. Jessica Plummer presented a preview of the 2021 grant application via the new grant management system, presented the [Impact Fund Program page](#) and [Applicant Resource Page](#) of the BHS website, and gave a brief overview of the program for the year.
8. Laurie tabled the remaining agenda items for the July meeting due to running out of time but did ask Council members for input on transitioning back to in person meetings and the logistics involved. Members decided to meet via Zoom through July but look to implement a hybrid model thereafter. So, starting in August, BHS will host meetings alternating monthly between a Larimer County facility in Fort Collins and Loveland. Members who would like to can then attend meetings in person and a Zoom option will be made available for those who would like to remain attending virtually (including for grantee tour hosts).

1. NEXT MEETING:

- a) BHPC MEETING - July 12, 2021 via Zoom

ADJOURN – 10:01 a.m.