

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: September 16, 2019
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Big Thompson River Rm 107, 1st floor, Loveland County Office Building
200 Peridot Ave, Loveland, CO 80538
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director

Attendees: (12)

Tom Donnelly, Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Lisa Kurth, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Kristie Melendez, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Ken Zornes

BHS Staff: Nina Bodenhamer, Merry Hummell, Rachel Iverson, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen

Absent: Steve Johnson, Jill Grossman-Belisle, Will Karspeck, Troy Hamman

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

AGENDA REVIEW

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) TAC/CHIP Presentation was given by Group #3 (Heather Vesgaard, Jessie Willard and Rachel Olsen) regarding primary prevention as a strategy in preventing behavioral health in Larimer County.
- b) Commissioner Donnelly was introduced and thanked for attending.
- c) Consultant Nina Bodenhamer led the presentation on the 2019 Open Community Grant Award Recommendations. There were 53 applications received, vetted and

reviewed. 30 did not meet the requirements. 11 applicants met all eligibility guidelines and were recommended to the BHPC for voting. The remaining 12 were presented for the BHPC to select 6 of for the remaining funding.

d) Commissioner Donnelly asked for a motion to approve 10 of the 11 recommendations for \$10,000.00 each. NAMI was separated out so that Mary Maldonado could vote on these 10. Ken Zones made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky. The vote was carried unanimously 12-0 in approval of these 11 grants.

e) Commissioner Donnelly asked for a motion to approve NAMI as the 11th grant recommendation. Mary Maldonado recused herself from voting. Marianne Dungan made the motion, seconded by Kevin Lemasters. The vote carried unanimously 11-0 in favor of approving NAMI.

f) Time was given to the Policy Council to study and review the information given about the remaining 12 grantee applications. An in depth and extensive discussion was had around which of these grantees should be selected for funding.

Commissioner Donnelly asked if there would be stringent reporting measures for all of the grantees. Nina and Laurie indicated that yes, Kim Priddy, BHS Senior Business Analyst, will be developing relationships with the grantees and is currently creating a process to collect the necessary reporting data.

g) The Policy Council voted on the 12 grant applications to determine the top 6. Marianne Dungan recused herself from voting for REACH. The top 6 that were selected were Elderhaus for \$10,000 with 9 votes, Alliance for Suicide Prevention for \$10,000 with 8 votes, SAVA for \$10,000 with 7 votes, The Matthews House for \$10,000 with 7 votes, REACH for \$10,000 with 7 votes and La Familia for \$10,000 with 7 votes.

h) Commissioner Donnelly asked for a motion to vote on these 6 grants. Steve Olsen made the motion. Susan Gutowsky seconded. The vote was carried unanimously 11-0 to approve these 6 grants.

i) There was a remaining \$3,300.00 left to distribute. Discussion was had to determine how to spend the remaining money. It was determined, after much deliberation, that they would give the money to the Estes Park High School Coffee Cart program as it could successfully accomplish it's intended goals with partial funding.

j) Commissioner Donnelly asked for a motion to approve the Coffee Cart program for \$3300. Nick Christensen made the motion, Marianne Dungan seconded. Susan Gutowsky abstained from the vote because she didn't feel she had enough information to vote for or against it. The vote was carried unanimously 10-0 in favor of funding the Coffee Cart program.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The BHS staff are working on Grant location site visits. The first one will be during the next BHPC meeting on October 7. The BHPC will meet in Fort Collins

at 8am on October 7. They will listen to the TAC/CHIP presentation, then head over as a group to Harvest Farms. Please wear appropriate shoes and be aware of parking times.

- b) The BHPC will meet on November 4th in Loveland and December 2nd in Fort Collins.
- c) The BHPC is invited to attend the Behavioral Health End of Year event at the Embassy Suites in Loveland on December 5, 2019 from 4-6pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Thank you to Commissioner Donnelly for joining us on behalf of Steve Johnson.
- b) There will be two At-Large member terms up in 2020. Discussion on By-law language around At-Large member term dates is needed.
- c) A proposed 2020 calendar was given to the BHPC for review.

ADJOURN – 10:00 a.m.