

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

**Date:** November 04, 2019  
**Time:** 8:00-10:00am  
**Location:** Big Thompson River Rm 107, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Loveland County Office Building  
200 Peridot Ave, Loveland, CO 80538  
**Contact:** Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director

**Attendees:**

Steve Johnson, Nick Christensen (by phone), Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck (by phone), Lisa Kurth, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Kristie Melendez, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Barry Wilson, Ken Zornes,

**BHS Staff:** Rachel Iverson, Kim Priddy, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen

**Absent:** Jill Grossman-Belisle, Clark McCoy, Troy Hamman

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

### AGENDA REVIEW

### DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) Presentation by the TAC/CHIP Group #6 Enhancing and Expanding Access to Clinical Services (Michael Ruttenberg, Whitney Bennet-Clear, Carl Nassar). The group presented on “Changing the Way We Do Business in Behavioral Health to Fill the Gaps.” Discussion was had regarding solutions to filling the gaps and examples of what the gaps are in our community. There was discussion on the growing need for behavioral health workforce/credentialed clinicians to help fill these gaps, but how do we fulfill this need? Collaboration with cities, universities, recruiters, private

practitioners and community were all initial ideas as a start to fulfilling the need of additional providers.

b) Laurie thanked Seth Forwood for hosting the BHPC for a site visit to Harvest Farms, during the October meeting. She also thanked Alternative Sentencing staff Marie Sand, for driving us there and back. She asked if the BHPC would be interested in doing quarterly site visits in 2020. Thought will be given to appropriate locations such as Healing Warriors, Sunrise Health Clinic, Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Estes Park to include REACH, Salud Community Health Center, and The Coffee Cart Program/ Estes Park High School.

- Steve Olson asked if there would be anything we could learn by going to the sites versus learning about these grantees in a meeting. Seth Forwood answered his question by saying that from his perspective, it's being able to walk in the experience of the client's shoes and get a glimpse of what people might experience at different agencies.
- Ken Zornes asked if it would be possible to set up a meeting location for the BHPC to meet in Estes Park, when the site visit would take place. The BHPC agreed. Arrangements will be made.

c) There is conflicting information regarding that By-law language on term dates and the actual term start dates of At-Large members. Clarification was requested. BHPC At-Large members that started in February of 2019 will end their term on November 30 of their respective year as per the bylaws. The following members term end dates are as follows:

- Marianne Dungan – Term end 11/30/2020
- Chad Morris – Term end 11/30/2020
- Nick Christensen- Term end 11/30/2021
- Clark McCoy – Term end 11/30/2021
- Lisa Kurth – Term end 11/30/2022
- Mary Maldonado – Term end 11/30/2022

All At-Large members are eligible and encouraged to reapply when their terms end if they feel so inclined. Applications will typically be available on the Board of County Commissioners and Behavioral Health Services websites in September of the year each term ends.

d) Behavioral Health Services staff has developed a new 2020 BHPC and TAC calendar highlighting important meetings and information. This calendar is subject to change. The calendar was handed out at the meeting. The TAC was informed of this new schedule at their last meeting in September and won't meet again until January 2020. The TAC will start working on the process of informing the BHPC on possible funding priority areas in 2020.

e) Behavioral Health Services will be hiring a Grant Manager in January of 2020. The TAC will have the new funding priorities defined by May of 2020 for the BHPC to vote on at the May 4 meeting.

f) Behavioral Health Services is putting together their 2019 Annual Report content and requested feedback from the BHPC as to suggestions of what content they feel should be added. Great feedback was received and will be included in the report.

#### INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) A reminder that the Behavioral Health Services End of Year Event is on December 5, 2019 from 4-6pm at the Embassy Suites, Mountain Holly Room in Loveland.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) The next meeting is in FORT COLLINS.

**Next Meeting:**

December 2, 2019

8-10am

Fort Collins Location

200 W Oak Street

Fort Collins, CO 80521

ADJOURN – 9:45 a.m.