

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: December 02, 2019
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521
Hearing Room, 1st Floor
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director

Attendees: Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky,
Troy Hamman, Lisa Kurth, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado,
Kristie Melendez, Clark McCoy, Steve Olson, Ken Zornes,

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

Absent: Steve Johnson, Jill Grossman-Belisle, Will Karspeck, Chad Morris

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

AGENDA REVIEW

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) The TAC/CHIP Group #7 (Shannon Hughes, Seth Forwood, Emily Bassarear, and Al Anderson) gave a presentation to the BHPC about identifying gaps and enhancing best practices in aftercare in Larimer County. Questions from the BHPC arose such as “Do we have a system that tracks people we need to help?” and “Where are we in connecting the community?”. The presenters responded by saying that we do not currently have a cohesive or comprehensive communication system to track people. Resources for help were also given such as Medicaid offers a taxi system for Medicaid patients and Connections. Conclusions from the TAC to strengthening Inter-agency Care Coordination and non-formal community supports were that it’s more cost effective than emergency care, hospitalization and professional specialists,

it builds more connected communities and it includes, engages, and better meets the needs of people who are struggling. It was also stressed that building relationships, peer support and community connections are key to a successful recovery for behavioral health related challenges.

- b) Laurie asked the BHPC if they would like to continue receiving informational presentation from the TAC in 2020. The BHPC said that yes. The Council asked BHS staff to find a way to tie all of the presentations from 2019 together by having the TAC do a wrap up of these presentations in 2020.
- c) After 3 months (Jan, Feb, March) of research, discovery and discussion, the TAC will present funding priority options/recommendations to the BHPC in April 2020. The BHPC will be asked to make formalized funding decisions for 2020 in May 2020.
- d) Laurie gave an update on the progress and work of the Behavioral Health Services Team to the BHPC.
 - 1. Council questions were raised as to the progress of the facility, when the groundbreaking is planned and the need for reasoning on why the facility is planned for building so far away from the central area of the Fort Collins community. Laurie shared the progress of facility design; the timeline and that groundbreaking is scheduled for January of 2021. The facility is currently planned to be built at Taft Hill Rd and Trilby Rd because the land is available, the right size, it is owned by the county and it is a very mid-county location..
 - 2. The annual report is under construction and will be ready for the BHPC final review during the first quarter of 2020.
- e) With his retirement slated for May 2020, a special grant designation in honor of the 35+ years of service to the county, by Gary Darling was proposed. The commissioners like the idea and requested the input of the BHPC regarding amount allocated towards this grant.
 - 1. The BHPC will award this grant like all of the other grants.
 - 2. The money for this grant will come out of the allotted \$2.5 million already in place for distribution in 2020.
 - 3. A motion was offered by Nick Christensen to fund the Gary A. Darling Grant to be awarded for community work at the intersection of criminal justice and behavioral health to reduce incarceration and recidivism. The motion was seconded by Troy Hamman. 10 BHPC members voted in favor, 1 voted against.

4. Generalized grant discussion:
 - i. Laurie is currently working on a grant application for technical and programming assistance through SAMSHA, to assist Larimer County with a sequential intercept mapping project. The grant is due December 20 and notification of award will occur in January 2020. Mapping is to be completed by August 2020.
5. Other Behavioral Health Services updates
 - i. Laurie gave a summary of her New York City Thrives conference.
 - ii. A BHS Communications and Media Specialist was selected will start on January 9, 2020. Her name is Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell.
 - iii. We are in the process of interviewing for a Grant Manager with hopes of a January 2020 hire date.

f.) Steve Olson asked if we could review of the previous meeting the minutes at the beginning of each meeting. He indicated that there were some items he would like added from the last meeting that were not included in the minutes from November. It was decided by the BHPC to adopt this practice moving forward.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) ****Steve Olson****Addendum to the November 4, 2019 minutes:
 - a. Incorporating Strategic Planning in the BHPC for 2020
 - i. Strategic view for the BHPC
 - Involve the BHPC in setting the strategy
 - Outcomes must be measurable
 - TAC should set the measures
 - TAC should summarize the continuum of needs
 - TAC should identify the gaps in services that funding would impact the overall goal of meeting a need, i.e. reducing suicide, reducing opioid use, etc.
 - ii. Calendar – looking to the new year
 - Strategic process
 - Measurable results
 - Suicide debriefings
 - Post-vention
 - Suicide reviews
 - ASP? – Alliance for Suicide Prevention
 - Innovation – what and where?
 - Challenge word for 2020- Relationships

- b. The Behavioral Health Services End of Year Event is this Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 4-6pm at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. The event is open to the public.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Next Meeting:
Monday, January 6, 2020
8-10am

Fort Collins Location:
200 W Oak Street
Fort Collins, CO 80521

ADJOURN – 9:45 a.m.