

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

**Date:** February 3, 2020  
**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-Commissioner Liaison, Nick Christensen (by phone), Marianne Dungan, Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Lisa Kurth, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy (by phone), Kristie Melendez, Chad Morris, Steve Olson

**BHS Staff:** Rachel Iverson, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell

**Absent:** Jill Grossman-Belisle, Susan Gutowsky, Kevin Lemasters, Ken Zornes

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 8:20 a.m.

#### DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

a) Laurie Stolen asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Chad Morris. The vote was carried unanimously 11-0 in approval of the minutes.

b) Leah Johnson, Chairperson for the Solid Waste Policy Council, asked to address the Behavioral Health Policy Council (BHPC). She expressed the committees concerns for proposed uses of land at the current landfill. She mentioned concerns related to the new Behavioral Health Facility being built next to the landfill. She made a formal request to do a joint meeting with the BHPC and the landfill policy

council. Laurie Stolen offered to attend the Solid Waste Policy Council meeting on behalf of the BHPC to offer information regarding the current status of design and discussions that have been in progress. The BHPC indicated that the Board of County Commissioners have the final say regarding decisions about the Behavioral Health Facility and not the BHPC. Laurie Stolen will make herself available to attend, at the request of the Solid Waste Policy Council.

c) Laurie Stolen shared a TED talk on addiction by Johann Hari.

#### INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) Laurie Stolen gave updates on the following:

- i. The January 13, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The facilitator for the TAC, Maro Zagoras, has been doing a great job with the group and the TAC will be ready to bring well-informed 2020 grant recommendations to the BHPC in April.
- ii. The 2019 Annual Report is being put together by the new Behavioral Health Services Communication and Media Specialist, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell. The 2019 Annual Report will be ready and handed out to the BHPC at the March 2, 2020 meeting.
- iii. UNC has an upcoming career fair, *Career Pathways in Behavioral Health: Explore, Connect, Engage*, being held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. This will give undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to explore careers in the behavioral health field.
- iv. McKee Medical Center has recently opened a new 17 bed inpatient psych unit for seniors 55 and older.
- v. Larimer County has been awarded a Sequential Intercept Mapping Grant in which the SAMHSA GAINS Center will facilitate. The mapping will show how the county can expand access to services for people with mental and/or substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system. (SAMHSA.gov)

b) Laurie introduced a new idea for a second sub-committee to be created by the BHPC. This committee will be comprised of community members who have behavioral health lived experiences to share and use to collaborate with the TAC, BHPC, MHSUA and other groups/committees as needed. A presentation on this sub-committee will be given at the March meeting. The BHPC members acknowledged interest in this possibility.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) Next month we will have a site visit to the Healing Warriors Program in Fort Collins. They were one of the grant recipients from the 2019 grant cycle.
- b) Next meeting:
  - March 2, 2020
  - 8:00-10:00a.m.
  - 200 W. Oak Street
  - Fort Collins, CO 80521
  - Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

**ADJOURN – 10:00 a.m.**