

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: January 10, 2022
Time: 8:30-10:30am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Lory Clukey, Angela De Los Santos, Monica Foster, Donna Goldstrom, Kaycee Headrick, Tyrell Hirschert, Cheryl Jacobs, Stephanie Madsen-Pixler, Patrice Marqui, Heather O'Hayre, Rachel Olsen, Carol Plock, Jessica Plummer, Michael Ruttenberg, Lyn Sadler, Laura Schwartz, Kim Sharpe, Celeste Simmons

Attendees:

Kim Chambers

Absent:

Diane Allen, Whitney Bennett-Clear, Stephanie Booco, Annette Brown, Tom Gonzales, Nathan Hall, Radhwan Jubair, Kyle McPherson, Nick Verni-Lau

CALL TO ORDER – 8:35 a.m.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Laurie Stolen called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting. Kaycee Headrick made the motion, seconded by Kim Sharpe; the motion was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie Stolen completed a roll call and had members introduce themselves.

2. Laurie reviewed a level setting for the Advisory Groups explaining the details of each committee including the role, makeup, goals, etc. Laurie also explained that due to the rise in COVID cases due to the Omicron variant, we anticipate meeting virtually until further notice. Agendas are sent out a week in advance of meetings and minutes are sent within a week after each meeting. Laurie also discussed the TAC subcommittees that were created in 2021 to work on specific projects (Communications, Youth needs, Multi-year funding)
 - a. Laurie discussed the option to appoint a Chair/Vice-Chair to the TAC; this was something proposed to the TAC at a previous meeting on 1/11/21 but a decision was not made at that time. With new members just joining the group, this is a great time to discuss and consider for the upcoming year. The BHPC bylaws allow for these facilitator positions and the BHPC uses this model (Barry Wilson is the BHPC Chair and County Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally is the Vice-Chair). Laurie explained that she meets with these individuals prior to meetings to help set agendas and those individuals then facilitate meetings. Essentially it allows the group to self-direct a bit more and have a direct involvement in planning committee work items month to month. Members then discussed their thoughts on the option. There was interest voiced in becoming a Vice-Chair by a couple members but no one expressed interest in acting as Chair. So, it was decided that these positions will not be utilized at this time but nominations can be discussed and voted on at any time if the committee decides to do so.
3. Laurie outlined the plan for the 2022 worksession which will last through April. Joint meetings between the TAC and CAC will take place in February and March and recommendations from those meetings will be brought to the BHPC at their April meeting. The 2022 grant application will be open to the public 6/1/22 and will close on 7/31/22. Laurie explained the different levels of application screening and briefly explained the selection and award process - recommendations for awards are made in August, presented to BHPC and BoCC in September for selection, and grants awarded in October.
4. Laurie presented a recap of the Impact Fund Grant Program ([available here](#)) from the beginning of the program in 2019 through today and including the 2021 funding distribution (70%/30% - Targeted/Responsive). Committee members then shared thoughts and Laurie addressed any follow-up questions.
5. Laurie then started a discussion to seek refinements to the Targeted Project grants for 2022. Targeted Grants, which were identified in 2021 include:
 1. *Behavioral Health Care Coordination Across Services*
 2. *Moderate/Intensive Care Coordination for Those with Complex Needs*
 3. *Behavioral Health Workforce Development and Retention*
 4. *Enhancing First Responder and Behavioral Health Crisis-to-Care Collaboration Efforts*
 5. *Prevention Education and Early Intervention for Vulnerable Youth*

6. *Increasing Access to Behavioral Healthcare in Non-traditional Settings*
7. *GAD: Intersection of Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice (single award)*

Ideas for refinements suggested by TAC members include:

- a. combining the 2 care coordination projects
 - b. define intensive case management more clearly
 - c. identifying the specifics of coordination and how to do it, measure it, evaluate it, not to mention monitor/oversee the care coordination process, who owns this intensive care coordination - it's fragmented if among multiple different orgs.
 - d. evidence-based practices exist for project 2. and some providers in the community are following these but would it be beneficial to have a grant to bring providers together to really understand it and practice it to grow it - concern to mix this with 1. as some of the more pressing issues for intensive CC are lost
 - e. better define the needs we're trying to meet with the care coordination projects, need to find a way to increase ACT teams and combining the 2 CC projects feels like a different definition
 - f. define/institute a universal ROI-if permissible
 - g. shift care coordination projects from a grant model to a contract, or collaborative model where it can be developed in a community wide effort
 - h. diversify grants into innovation and sustainable grants because the community needs longevity
 - i. revise the targeted project description paragraphs so we're more explicit about what the intentions are
 - j. Due to the robust discussion, Laurie suggested creating a Care Coordination subcommittee to address the issues involved
 - i. The following individuals volunteered to join this subcommittee - Stephanie Madsen-Pixler, Lory Clukey, Patrice Marqui, Carol Plock, Monica Foster.
 - ii. Ryan Barstow will be sending out a Doodle Poll to determine the best time for these individuals to meet and they will self-facilitate their work.
6. Laurie discussed the possibility of changing the Gary A. Darling (GAD) grant from a competitive application to a nominated award. Committee members discussed the possibility and issues involved and decided it would be more appropriate to change the grant to one of the targeted projects with multiple awards but the Gary A. Darling award would only be given to the best of those applications. This idea received a lot of support and it was determined that this was the best course of action. Laurie said the BHS team will create some draft language for this project and bring it back to the committee for review.
7. Laurie introduced the discussion item of refining the description/wording on "Prevention Education and Early Intervention for Vulnerable Youth". Laurie said that project drew a lot of applications last year and since there are so many great providers doing great work in this area, it would be helpful to refine the needs to make it more specific and less competitive. Ideas proposed by committee members include:

- a. eliminate “prevention education” because it’s included under early intervention and it somewhat convolutes the intention
 - b. “Prevention and Intervention Programming for Vulnerable Youth”
 - c. modify language to drive towards the greatest impact
- 8. Due to time constraints, the final agenda item to discuss application evaluation criteria and reporting measures will be moved to the February meeting to allow for a more robust discussion. In order to prepare for that discussion Laurie asked members to consider how we can define measures for applicants to report on and create early expectations so they know what reporting requirements will be.

The next meeting will be held virtually on February 14, 2022.

ADJOURN – 10:30 a.m.