

Minutes

LARIMER COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: March 18, 2024
Time: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Location: Zoom
Contact: Laura Walker, Human and Economic Health Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants: Nicole Armstrong, Bianca Doherty, Jim Fox, Kelly Glick, Donna Goldstrom, Erin Hadlow, Cheryl Jacobs, Andrea Linafelter, Kyle McPherson, Rachel Olsen, Michael Ruttenberg, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally

Absent: Tom Gonzales, Radhwan Jubair, Heather O'Hayre

CALL TO ORDER – 8:31 a.m.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Ryan Barstow requested a motion to approve the February 12, 2024 TAC meeting minutes. Kyle McPherson made the motion, seconded by Nicole Armstrong; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Congratulations to Cheryl Jacobs as one of [USA Today's "Women of the Year" 2024](#) due to her work at the Larimer County Sheriff's Office helping to establish the Co-Responder program. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally commended Cheryl for her work and noted that Cheryl was also recognized by the Board of County Commissioners at a recent meeting.
3. Jessica Plummer led a discussion to finalize the Impact Fund Grant Program recommendations presenting these [slides](#). Topics for discussion, which came from suggestions made at the previous meeting included prioritizing the percentage of funding for targeted areas, prioritizing health equity to address needs, and encouraging collaboration over competition in the grants. Jessica asked for other topics to include and considerations included the challenges of organizations categorizing themselves into specific target areas and the need for better data analysis to track secondary and tertiary

impact areas and the implications that would have on setting specific funding amounts for targets. In terms of prioritizing funding distribution, a recommendation was made to set approximately 70% of funding for the 6 targeted areas together (rather than establishing amounts for individual projects) with about 30% going toward responsive grants. In a discussion about prioritizing health equity, considerations included, needing baseline data, consistent standards for measurement and challenges involved in doing so considering its subjective nature, and establishing evaluation criteria. Participants agreed to maintain the current approach for 2024 but to consider revisiting prioritization in the future. In a discussion of encouraging collaboration amongst organizations for grants, the group emphasized the need for genuine collaboration, the complexities involved, and the need to suggest criteria to ensure meaningful partnerships, such as joint applications and demonstrated contributions from all parties involved. Ultimately, it was recommended that to establish effective processes for encouraging collaboration over competition, specific definitions and guardrails would have to be established and that will be more relevant for long-term/multi-year funding strategies.

4. The meeting concluded with a discussion to plan how recommendations can best be presented to the BHPC at the 4/1/2024 meeting. TAC Chair Donna Goldstrom volunteered to present on behalf of the TAC but suggestions included being thoughtful about soliciting as much member input as possible and encouraging in-depth discussion.

The next meeting, combined with BHPC and CAC will be held in person at 2260 W. Trilby Rd. on 4/1/24 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURN – 9:23 a.m.