

Minutes

LARIMER COUNTY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: January 22, 2024
Time: 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Location: Sparrow & Goldfinch Rooms 2260 W. Trilby Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80526 & [Zoom](#)
Contact: Laura Walker, Human and Economic Health Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants: Nicole Armstrong, Bianca Doherty, Amber Franzel, Donna Goldstrom, Erin Hadlow, Cheryl Jacobs, Commissioner John Kefalas, Kyle McPherson, Rachel Olsen, Michael Ruttenberg, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally

Absent: Jim Fox, Kelly Glick, Tom Gonzales, Radhwan Jubair, Andrea Linafelter, Heather O'Hayre

CALL TO ORDER – 8:35 a.m.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. BHS Facility Update - Laura Walker gave everyone a brief update on the Acute Care Facility at Longview. Since opening, over 500 people have been served, and upwards of 70% of those individuals were walk-ins. There are now 24 inpatient beds open, 16 for crisis stabilization, and 8 for withdrawal management. Those beds have remained at about 90% full since opening. These numbers reaffirm the anticipated need in the community, especially when considering that emergency responders have been practicing a soft launch application for utilization of Longview, per SHP request. Laura then addressed member's questions about the facility.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Introductions - individuals introduced themselves by sharing their name, organization, and favorite music artist.

2. Taylor Kelley presented a summary of the 14 recommendations that came out of the second iteration of the Community Master Plan (CMP), [available here](#). There is also a 2 page [executive summary](#) of the findings as well as the [full version](#) available. Spanish versions are also available of both the [executive summary](#) and the [full version](#). The first iteration of the Community Master Plan was essential in guiding Phase 1 of the BH initiative, and the BHS department plans to look at this data every 5 years, see where gaps and challenges still exist in our community, how we can build on progress, and address other BH situations that may arise. For this 2.0 iteration of the CMP, BHS collaborated with Colorado Health Institute (CHI), a nonprofit mission-driven research and consulting group. The BHS department commissioned this report with support and help from an executive sponsor team composed of the Health District of Northern Larimer County and SummitStone Health Partners, as well as a guidance team made up of about 10 - 12 individuals throughout the continuum of care who brought their professional expertise to the table. After Taylor presented the overview of the 14 recommendations, she led a discussion about the findings and answered member's questions.
3. Laura discussed the role of the BHS advisory groups in the management of operations of the Longview Acute Care Facility. Obviously, this is a major contract between Larimer County and SummitStone Health Partners for these services and it's funded by tax dollars. As such, we have significant obligations for transparency and quality assurance. Since the BHS advisory groups are seated by and serve at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, the advisory groups cannot act as oversight groups or be used as primary lines of feedback. That said, Laura will make sure that both she and the new BHS Director will make themselves available for any feedback from the BHS advisory groups. So, Laura wanted to let the group know that 2 oversight committees are being developed jointly between Larimer County, SummitStone Health Partners, and consumers, to specifically oversee operations of the building. This will allow the opportunity for all parties to share information and weigh in equally. To be clear, neither committee will be a decision-making committee. There will be both a quality and finance oversight committee who will be responsible for getting data out to the public and Larimer County as the contract holders to ensure both transparency and accountability. Reports out from those groups probably won't happen more than once per quarter but that could change over time. The BHS advisory groups will get advance notice of those reports coming out so we are as transparent as possible and to allow the advisory groups to provide feedback to make sure we're not missing something. The BoCC will be seeing that separately as well. Laura said the hope is to have both groups seated by March '24 and that both will have their first meetings prior to the end of the quarter.
4. Jessica Plummer led a discussion of the 2024 TAC & CAC work product for the Impact Fund Grant Program, [slides available here](#). These groups will meet independently 3 times between January - March to review data and 2021 grant outcomes, recommend any necessary changes to the grant program, and prioritize long-term funding strategies. Recommendations will then be presented to the BHPC at the 4/1/24 meeting.

5. A quorum was no longer present for the meeting so it was decided to ask for TAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 nominations via email and that the vote for positions will occur at the 2/12/24 meeting.

The next TAC meeting will be held via Zoom on 2/12/24 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURN – 10:30 a.m.