

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: October 3, 2022
Time: 8:00 - 10:00am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Brian Ferrans, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Jacki Marsh, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Jody Shadduck-McNally, David Wiegand, Barry Wilson

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Lex Loutzenhiser, Jessica Shannon, MaryBeth Swanson

Absent:

Marianne Dungan, Lisa Kurth, Clark McCoy

Attendees:

Michael Ruttenberg, Katie Schmaltz, Laura Walker

CALL TO ORDER – 8:04 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Barry Wilson called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with Commissioner Shadduck-McNally's remarks. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally discussed the Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County's Lifesavers Gala held last week. Behavioral Health Services sponsored a table at the event. Laurie Stolen and Laura Walker were in attendance along with the Commissioner and the Director of the Health Department, Tom Gonzales. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally said there were some great impactful stories told and that data showed suicide rates are coming down. The Commissioner

recently took the Mayor of Louisville, who was impacted by the Marshall Fire, on a tour of the Longview Acute Care facility, and said how impactful it was to hear some of the stories and about the community's resilience. Commissioner Shadduck McNally said construction of the facility is just over 50% complete. The Commissioner also shared that the Board of County Commissioners is still in the process of reviewing 2023 budget proposals. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally shared that they just held the regional Opioid Abatement council meeting and decided to put some money towards Co-Responder work as well as several other buckets of work in our community. The Commissioner also shared that she decided to pull the TAC/CAC applicant recommendations agenda item from today's meeting due to the fact that the application period just closed on Friday and although she's reviewed all of the applications, she's still undecided on 2 of the seats. New advisory board members will be presented to the BHPC at the November meeting.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. There was no update on the [BHS dashboard](#).
3. Laurie Stolen gave an update on the progress of the Acute Care facility at Longview saying that the operational contract draft is being finalized with the clinical partners, SummitStone Health Partners. Laurie also shared that they're beginning to schedule a substantial completion event of the facility with the Board of County Commissioners for April. Construction of the facility is still on schedule and on budget with plans to take occupancy of the building in August and open to clients in November of 2023. Laurie said SummitStone continues to do great partnership and care compact work in our community to make sure referrals are in place and there's good communication with all providers around the community. Laurie also shared that there's lots of work being done on the workforce front, SummitStone created their first contract with a university, MeHarry University in Nashville, TN. MeHarry will start sending physician assistants attending their graduate program to the facility to receive training each year. The hope is to continue to form these partnerships with additional colleges/universities to build out the workforce and training pipeline. Laurie said conversations around the adolescent facility at Longview continue to progress. Grant applications are anticipated to be open by the end of 2022 and it's possible a decision on whether ARPA funding is awarded for the project will be available as early as the first or second quarter of 2023.
4. Laurie Stolen shared that the annual Conrad L. Ball award ceremony was held on Friday night. Laurie was in attendance as well as all three County Commissioners and a few other County staff. Lieutenant Staci Shaffer from the jail received the award this year. Laurie shared that Lt. Shaffer has done tremendous work on increasing access to

medication assisted treatment in the jail and the data shows remarkable outcomes related to connecting folks to care coordinators and treatment services upon release.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie Stolen discussed the plan for the 2023 work session with the TAC and CAC. These 2 groups will meet in January - March of 2023 for a combined work session to ensure the most critical gaps and best opportunities to make impacts in the community are addressed. To do so, the TAC and CAC will look at the funding priorities and targeted projects from 2022, and determine if these priorities and projects are still where grant funds should be focused, or if modifications need to be made. Then, the BHPC will review the TAC & CAC recommendations at the April meeting and the BHPC can then make recommendations to the BoCC. Laurie also discussed plans to address multi-year funding as part of the second phase of the Behavioral Health initiative. Laurie reminded members that in 2023 the BHPC meeting cadence will also change. The BHPC will meet in January, April (with the TAC and CAC), August, and December (with the TAC and CAC). The TAC and CAC will meet for a work session in January - March, and then with the BHPC in April & December. Laurie also mentioned that the schedule change presents a few opportunities to adapt grantee virtual tours. These opportunities include the possibility of in-person tours as well as a meet and greet with grantees which is already planned for the December 5, 2022 in person, joint meeting.
2. Laurie Stolen discussed the 5 year (end of phase 1) event scheduled for December of 2023. This will be an event for the community and all advisory group members to celebrate all that's been accomplished in the first 5 years of the Behavioral Health initiative. More information to come as the event continues to be planned and developed.

GRANTEE VIRTUAL TOURS

1. MaryBeth Swanson from the Willow Collective presented a virtual tour of her agency's work which included this [video](#) and the Willow Collective's [website](#).
2. Jessica Shannon and Lex Loutzenhiser from Health District of Northern Larimer County presented a virtual tour of their agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#).

The next meeting will be held virtually on November 7th, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:16 a.m.