

Minutes

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: August 19, 2024
Time: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Location: Sparrow & Goldfinch Rooms 2260 W. Trilby Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80526 & [Zoom](#)
Contact: Amy Martonis, Behavioral Health Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Erin Black, Sierra Black, Brian Ferrans, Seth Forwood, Jarah Grashorn, Susan Gutowsky, Gary Hall, Bill Jenkins, William Karspeck, Clark McCoy, Dee Anne Menzies, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Ron Steinbach

Absent:

Isabel Gwilliam, David Wiegand

CALL TO ORDER – 8:04 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally called the meeting to order, and shared some comments on SummitStone's recent organizational changes, a summary of which includes:
 - a. Services at Longview are not impacted by the reduction in force and SummitStone continues to be an integral partner in our county's access to 24/7, 365-day care
 - b. SummitStone leaders have provided additional context of the converging factors that necessitated their reduction in force and
 - c. The county and SummitStone are collaborating to address systemic issues that contribute to funding disparities for behavioral health service provision.

INTRODUCTIONS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally introduced Amy Martonis, the new Behavioral Health Director, as well as the following new BHPC members (all of whom took a moment to share their backgrounds before the remainder of attendees completed introductions):

- a. Town of Estes Park - Mayor Gary Hall
- b. Town of Timnath - Council Member Dr. Bill Jenkins
- c. Town of Johnstown - Council Member Dee Anne Menzies
- d. Town of Windsor - Town Board Member/Mayor Pro Tem Ron Steinbach

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for changes or corrections to the April 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Receiving none, she welcomed a motion to approve those minutes. Erin Black made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reminded members that Brian Ferrans graciously offered to give new members or anyone interested, a tour of the Acute Care Facility after the meeting at 10 am.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Jessica Plummer presented the [Larimer County Behavioral Health Services Grant Program 2022 Outcomes Report](#) including a review of funding, community impact, and highlighting key insights from that grant cycle.
2. Jessica presented grant [applicant](#) and [reviewer](#) survey results from the 2024 grant application and screening process.
3. Jessica presented the [2024 Impact Fund Grant Program recommendations](#), including an overview of the evaluation process and application data & trends over time. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for a motion to forward the 41 grant award recommendations for \$3,000,426, including the one-time \$200,426 increase to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Gary Hall made the motion, seconded by Erin Black; the motion was approved unanimously.
4. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally took a few moments to thank departing BHPC members Brian Ferrans and Clark McCoy for their service and steadfast support. BHS and the BHPC cannot thank them enough for their time and energy spent trying to improve our community and the behavioral health landscape over the years.
5. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for a motion to adjourn. Ron Steinbach made the motion, seconded by Erin Black; the motion was approved unanimously.

The next BHPC meeting will be held at 2260 W. Trilby Rd. on December 2nd, 2024.

ADJOURN – 10:00 a.m.