

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL, TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, & CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMBINED MEETING

Date: December 6, 2021
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

BHPC Participants:

Marianne Dungan, Brian Ferrans, Susan Gutowsky, Wendy Koenig, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Steve Olson, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Barry Wilson

TAC Participants:

Stephanie Booco, Lory Clukey, Angela De Los Santos, Monica Foster, Donna Goldstrom, Kaycee Headrick, Tyrell Hirschert, Cheryl Jacobs, Radhwan Jubair, Kelsey Lyon, Stephanie Madsen-Pixler, Patrice Marqui, Rachel Olsen, Carol Plock, Michael Ruttenberg, Lyn Sadler, Laura Schwartz, Celeste Simmons, Nick Verni-Lau

CAC Participants:

Amber Bass, Alison Dawson, Madison Krumwiede, Sarah McKeen, Steve Pietrafeso, Emily Potts, Wendy Stine, Mary Beth Swanson, Ash Tumbleson, Silen Wellington

Guests:

Traci Gile, Laura Walker

Attendees:

Ruben Chacón, Linda Rosa, Beth Yonce

Absent:

Diane Allen, Al Anderson, Karen Barrett, Whitney Bennett-Clear, Annette Brown, Tom Gonzales, Nathan Hall, Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Kyle McPherson, Chad Morris, Savannah Naffziger, Heather O'Hayre, Carri Ratazzi, Kim Sharpe, Bill Stevens,

CALL TO ORDER – 8:02 a.m.

1. BHPC Chair Barry Wilson called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally, who was also recently appointed as the BHPC Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their service. She shared that she recently attended a Colorado Counties Incorporated (CCI) conference where mental and behavioral health was a main topic, especially for youth. As a result, she was able to share many things we're doing in Larimer County in those fields and how proud she is of these efforts. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally mentioned the prestigious National Council on Mental Well Being Award for Organizational Leadership in Advocacy that was recently awarded to Larimer County. She also mentioned that there are several financial opportunities at the federal and state level that the County will be pursuing in order to expand BH resources and access. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally took a moment to remind everyone of the time capsule event taking place that evening for the celebration of the official groundbreaking of the Behavioral Health Facility. She then wished everyone happy holidays and let people know they can reach out to her at any time with questions.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 BHPC meeting. Mary Maldonado made the motion, seconded by Marianne Dungan; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. There were no Impact Fund Grantee virtual tours scheduled for the December meeting.
3. Kim Priddy shared an overview of the [BHS dashboard](#) in order to give everyone an idea of the data currently available and to share the plans to expand that information in the future. Kim then shared her screen to show everyone how to use and navigate through the dashboard.
4. Laurie Stolen shared an update on the BHS Facility. Laurie reviewed the time capsule event taking place that night to celebrate groundbreaking on the Behavioral Health Facility. Beginning erosion control (fence and screening) is set to start next week and communication efforts on the construction of the facility are in progress. Direct mail

postcards were sent to 1400 neighbors of the future facility to let them know about the construction and what to expect as well as to share contact information for Haselden, Ditesco, and County staff if they have questions or concerns. There was also a neighborhood meeting via Zoom held on 11/15/21 as an opportunity for residents to learn more.

5. As part of the Community Landscape update Laurie introduced Traci Gile who attended the meeting as a guest on behalf of the new Poudre School District Superintendent Brian Kingsley. Traci is the Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools for Poudre School District and was happy to attend the meeting and excited to learn more about the behavioral health work being done in the community. Laurie thanked Traci for attending and asked Traci to convey thanks to Brian Kingsley for his interest in pursuing increased behavioral health. Laurie also acknowledged the strong partnerships with Tyrell Hirschert and Ruben Chacón and that she looks forward to continuing to work together to solve BH challenges in our community. Laurie also mentioned the work being done in the community around youth and bringing people together to figure out some of the tougher issues involved and thanked everyone for their support in doing so.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Barry Wilson completed a roll call for members of the BHPC, TAC, and CAC to allow members to introduce themselves and speak briefly on their interest for participating in their respective Behavioral Health committee.
2. Laurie Stolen introduced Laura Walker, the former Director of the Department of Human Services and current Division Director for Human and Economic Health with Larimer County. Laura then took a moment to say how important behavioral health is as a theme through all five departments in her service area (Human Services, Economic and Workforce Development, CSU Extension, Health and Environment, and Behavioral Health Services).
3. Laurie discussed member preferences for the scheduling of BHPC, TAC, and CAC meetings for the upcoming year. In order to get a consensus Zoom polls were launched for each group to determine preferred meeting frequency as well as date and time. The majority of BHPC participants voted to continue to meet monthly on the first Monday from 8 - 10 am. The majority of TAC participants voted to meet monthly on the second Monday from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Finally, the majority of CAC members voted to meet monthly on the third Monday from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Ryan Barstow will schedule meetings for 2022 and send calendars, Google calendar appointments and any other relevant details to members soon.
4. Jessica Plummer gave a high level overview of the BHS Impact Fund grant program for 2021, [available here](#).
5. Laurie discussed the work strategy for BHS advisory groups in the upcoming year with the ongoing intention to use member's expertise to inform the biggest BH needs in the community. Laurie said that further detail will be discussed when committees meet

individually in January but wanted to provide a brief, high level overview today. She reviewed work done in years past explaining the origins of the Impact Fund and how the advisory groups worked to inform that program and identify the current [funding priorities](#) and [targeted projects](#). This work will continue in 2022 as we wrap up Phase 1 of the BHS initiative (2019 - 2023) to identify the biggest gaps where we can have the most positive impacts to build increased access, awareness, availability, and quality of services. The goal for phase 2 of the initiative (2023 - 2027) is to move into a more informed, data driven process to complete this work. Laurie then answered advisory group member questions regarding the strategy.

6. Ryan Barstow gave a brief overview of the advisory group web pages, [available here](#), where meeting details are posted along with agenda, minutes, etc. Ryan is the main contact for advisory group issues and he encouraged members to reach out at any time.

ADJOURN – 9:56 a.m.