

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: November 1, 2021
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Zoom Webinar
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Jody Shadduck-McNally, Barry Wilson

BHS Staff:

Ryan Barstow, Jessica Plummer, Kim Priddy, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Stephanie Booco, Shelley Haddock, Toni Zimmerman

Attendees:

Beth Yonce

Absent:

Nick Christensen, Lisa Kurth, Clark McCoy, Troy Hamman, Bill Stevens

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05 a.m.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting. Wendy Koenig made the motion, seconded by Steve Olson; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Grantee Virtual Tours:
 - a. Stephanie Booco from UCHealth's Community Paramedic Division presented a virtual tour of her agency's work. Stephanie then answered Council member's questions.
 - b. Shelley Haddock and Toni Zimmerman, Co-directors of the Campus Connections program at Colorado State University presented a virtual tour of their work by sharing this [video](#).
1. Kim Priddy shared an update on the [BHS dashboard](#), which has been updated with data through June, the most recent complete month of data from the state. There are some July and August numbers entered also, but they're incomplete at this time. Kim said an improvement she'd like to make is to find a better way to display the front page as well as the most recent data since it can be difficult to compare it to other years and see trends. Kim also mentioned that some of the youth (10-18) suicide data will be incomplete until the year is over due to the state suppressing some of the numbers to prevent identification of individuals.
2. Laurie Stolen shared an update on the BHS Facility. To celebrate groundbreaking, the Commissioners agreed to do a time capsule, so in 20 years everyone involved can look back and see where we were. On the evening of 12/6/21 there will be a small event to celebrate, invitations for the BHPC will be coming soon. Earth moving is set to start on 12/8/21 and communication efforts on the construction of the facility are in progress. Direct mail postcards were sent to neighbors 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 will also be a neighborhood meeting via Zoom on 11/15/21 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for residents to learn more.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie Stolen gave a brief overview of the BHPC Chair and Vice-Chair nomination process and term limits and then Barry Wilson opened the floor to nominations. Chad Morris nominated Barry as Chair. Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally nominated herself as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Chad made a motion to appoint Barry as Chair and Commissioner Shaddock-McNally as Vice-Chair, the motion was seconded by Marianne Dungan; the motion was approved unanimously. Laurie then clarified the Chair and Vice-Chair roles explaining that the Chair facilitates meetings, assists with agenda development and serves as an official representative for the council in interactions with the Board of County Commissioners and the Vice-Chair performs these duties in the absence of the Chair.
2. Laurie Stolen started a discussion on whether the current 1 year term for Chair and Vice-Chair is adequate/appropriate. She reminded everyone that the bylaws are the written

governance of the council, they're intended to serve the council's purposes and as such the council is encouraged to read them and ensure they serve the council's needs. Any suggested changes to by-laws are subject to the Board of County Commissioners review, edit, approval and adoption. After a brief discussion of terms, council members decided no change was necessary, the term will remain as 1 year Chair and Vice-Chair terms.

3. Laurie Stolen discussed the National Council on Mental Well Being Award for Organizational Leadership in Advocacy that was recently presented to Larimer County on October 19th. The National Council on Mental Well Being is the largest member organization related to behavioral health in the nation with over 25,000 members and the Leadership in Advocacy award is given to one individual, one public servant and one organization each year. Larimer County being awarded and recognized is a tremendous honor. A video of Larimer County's acceptance of this award from the Hill Day ceremony on 10/19/21 is available [here](#) and will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners along with the trophy on 11/9/21.
4. Laurie Stolen introduced the recommendations for new advisory committee members for the open BHPC, TAC, and CAC seats by reviewing the history of the BHS advisory group appointment process. Jody Shadduck-McNally discussed how the BHS process differs from appointments on the other boards and commissions. She said after reviewing the recommendations in depth she feels confident about the recommendations and process this year, which is also outlined in the current version of the bylaws. However, after reviewing the process and the bylaws with the County Attorney, it will likely be modified for the future. New BHPC member applications and 1 new member recommendation was made. Wendy Koenig made a motion to accept the recommendation to the BHPC, seconded by Will Karspeck; the motion was approved unanimously. 8 TAC recommendations for appointment were made. Wendy made a motion to accept the TAC recommendations, seconded by Marianne Dungan; the motion was approved unanimously. 7 CAC recommendations for appointment were made. Marianne made a motion to accept the CAC recommendations, seconded by Steve Olson and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally; the motion was approved unanimously. To more clearly determine geographic representation, Council members then voiced interest in standardizing the address reported by applicants in the future to specifically be either home or business, and not leave it as an ambiguous field.
5. Laurie Stolen reminded council members of the annual report timeline which is put together by BHS staff each year per a requirement of the ballot language. The report is planned to be complete and ready for distribution by the end of the first quarter of 2022.
6. Barry Wilson started a discussion on whether or not the BHPC would like to continue doing virtual grantee tours in 2022. Barry shared that he feels they're valuable and would like to see them continued. Council members agreed and requested they continue in a virtual format in 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reviewed a quick update from the Commissioners. Jody recently attended the National Peace Officers memorial service in Washington, D.C. where fallen Larimer County Ranger Brendan Unit was honored. She would like to stress the importance of continuing the County's practice and promotion of behavioral health support to family and coworkers experiencing the impacts and trauma of tragedy and loss.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The next meeting will be held on December 6, 2021 virtually and will be a combination meeting of the BHPC, TAC, and CAC.

ADJOURN – 10:02 a.m.