

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: March 7, 2022
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, Brian Ferrans, Susan Gutowsky, Wendy Koenig, Mary Maldonado, Jacki Marsh, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally, Barry Wilson

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Carol Bennis, Necole Hampton, Kailee Melendez

Attendees:

Caroline Nguyen

Absent:

Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Clark McCoy, Bill Stevens

CALL TO ORDER – 8:02 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Barry Wilson welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and turned things over to Commissioner Shaddock McNally for Commissioner's Remarks. Commissioner Shaddock-McNally thanked everyone for their service on the Council and discussed the progress on the Behavioral Health Facility construction site as Laurie Stolen shared the most recent drone photos. Commissioner Shaddock McNally also shared that Governor Polis may be visiting Larimer County later this month with a focus on behavioral health

initiatives. The Commissioners are currently looking at the budget and ARPA money. The newly appointed Equity, Diversity & Inclusion advisory board has been picked, seated and will be meeting next week. One of the first things this board is tasked with is reviewing county policies and looking for ways they can be improved. The Commissioner was in Washington D.C. for the National Association of Counties, a legislative conference where she met with folks in departments and agencies and behavioral health was a prominent topic. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also shared that the current County Manager, Linda Hoffmann, will be retiring in less than 30 days. There will be a robust and thorough effort to find Linda's successor and there will be a chance for the public to have some input in the process.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Grantee Virtual Tours:
 - a. Carol Bennis from ChildSafe Colorado presented a virtual tour of her agency's work by sharing this short [video](#) and this [presentation](#). Carol then answered Council member's questions.
 - b. Necole Hampton, joined by Kailee Melendez, from the District Attorney's Office presented a virtual tour of their office's diversion programs by sharing this [presentation](#).
2. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Shadduck McNally made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky; the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Kim Priddy gave an update on the [BHS dashboard](#). She will be updating data on the dashboard this month, inputting the latest numbers and doing some reworking based on additional data sources. The updated version will be presented to the Council next month.
4. Laurie Stolen had an update on the BHS Facility sharing that the Board of County Commissioners formally accepted the donation from the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado via the Hope Fund. This donation, in the amount of \$258,326.81, is intended to equip detoxification units at the new Larimer County Behavioral Health Facility.
5. Laurie Stolen shared a community landscape update. Laurie discussed UC Health's initiative to integrate behavioral health services into their continuum of care at Poudre Valley Hospital. Specifically they'll be adding 51 beds and conversations are still ongoing on what will be done with Mountain Crest. Laurie added that she looks forward to continuing the partnership with UC Health and making sure that we're complementing each other's services at the BH facility and PVH.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell engaged the council on the naming of the Behavioral Health facility by sharing this [presentation](#). Jen gave an update on the project, shared the 4 final

options being considered for the facility name, and reviewed the next steps. Jen also shared that a survey will be sent out to members of all 3 of the Behavioral Health advisory groups, the newly formed Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Board, Youth Advisory Committee, and CJAC to receive community member input. That survey, which is available in both English and Spanish will be sent out by Ryan Barstow along with meeting minutes via email and will close on 3/25/22.

2. Laurie Stolen introduced a discussion on whether to limit the number of virtual tours per meeting and length of presentations, based on Council member feedback from the previous meeting. Based on robust discussion, there was a agreement among council members to move virtual tours to the end of the meetings, limit presentations to 3 (at 15 minutes each) per meeting, and be attentive with the time allotments and questions to presenters to ensure the meetings don't run long. Barry concluded the discussion saying all the feedback received will be considered before making a decision at the agenda planning meeting.

The next meeting will be held virtually on April 4, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:41 a.m.