

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: November 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:

Brian Ferrans, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Jacki Marsh, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Jody Shadduck-McNally, David Wiegand, Barry Wilson

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Shannon Hughes, Gloria Kat, Silen Wellington

Absent:

Marianne Dungan, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado

Attendees:

Laura Walker, Beth Yonce

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05 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 said she's been able to visit with various people around the county and has heard first hand how behavioral health grants are going and all the work being done. The Commissioner also discussed a recent ride along she participated in with the Sheriff's office canine unit. She remarked that it was interesting and even more eye opening to see how they deal with some of the behavioral health calls first hand. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also discussed a

mental health summit happening at The Ranch on 11/16/22 from 8 a.m - 4 p.m. that will focus on problem-solving mental health challenges on behalf of the children of Larimer County. The summit is sponsored by Thompson School District, Poudre School District, Larimer County, Alliance for Suicide Prevention, McKee Wellness Foundation, and Estes Park School District, more information (including registration for the event) can be found [here](#).

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Laurie Stolen gave a brief update on the [BHS dashboard](#). Laurie said the BHS team is coordinating with some other county departments to put together a comprehensive community dashboard. That will take some time to put together but meanwhile, Kim has partnered with the state to enhance our suicide data. The benefit of having that information is to be able to drive funding towards specific areas where we may be seeing some variances. The new data dashboard will be presented at the December meeting.
3. Laurie Stolen gave an update on the progress of the Acute Care facility at Longview sharing the most recent photo and saying that windows are going in and some drywall and primer paint is going up on the north side of the building. Some of the finishing materials for the exterior are going up and the intention is for the interior work to take place over the winter. All of the licensure work that is required with CDPHE is proceeding. A functional programming application was submitted to them to ensure we get the facility properly licensed. Laurie also mentioned that substantial completion of the facility, a milestone in the building's construction, should occur in April 2023. As a result, an event to celebrate that milestone will be planned in coordination with the Board of County Commissioners. More details will be communicated as plans are solidified and dates are set. Most likely, over the coming months prior to the facility's opening, there will be several opportunities for the community and public to come see the facility, take a tour and learn more about the services provided. Behavioral Health Services is scheduled to take occupancy of the building in August '23 with the first clients being taken November '23.
4. There was no further community landscape update on top of what had already been discussed.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie Stolen commenced the nominations for BHPC Chair and Vice Chair by reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the positions as well as the appointment process. Laurie said the individuals appointed to as Chair and Vice Chair at today's meeting will serve for the calendar year of 2023, starting in January and 2024 appointments being nominated

and elected in November 2023. Laurie also clarified that the bylaws don't limit how many times an individual can serve as either officer and although the bylaws state appointments to these positions are to take place at the November meeting, this was only defined as such because that's when the BHPC first convened. Wendy Koenig nominated Commissioner Shadduck-McNally to serve as Chair. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally nominated Barry Wilson to serve as Vice Chair. Will Karspeck seconded both nominations.

2. Barry Wilson asked for a vote to approve the nominations and appoint Commissioner Shadduck-McNally as Chair and Barry Wilson as Vice Chair. The nominations were approved unanimously.
3. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reviewed the [recommendations](#) for new appointments to the BHPC, TAC, and CAC. Barry asked for a motion to approve the recommendations as presented and forward them to the Board of County Commissioners to approve at the 11/8/22 Admin Matters meeting. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Shadduck-McNally; the motion was approved unanimously.

GRANTEE VIRTUAL TOURS

1. Shannon Hughes and Silen Wellington from CSU Social Work - Yarrow Collective presented a virtual tour of their agency's work which included this [presentation](#).
2. Gloria Kat from The Family Center/La Familia presented a virtual tour of her agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#) and this [video](#).

The next meeting will be held in person at 200 W. Oak St. Fort Collins, CO 80521 (or via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person) on December 5th, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:20 a.m.