

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: May 2, 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, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Jacki Marsh, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Catherine Carabetta, Brent Carmack, TJ Cruz, Nick Duarte, Sarah McKeen, Harrison Swift

Attendees:

Patti Garcia, Beth Yonce

Absent:

Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Steve Olson, Barry Wilson

CALL TO ORDER – 8:02 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally called the meeting to order and introduced herself. Chair Barry Wilson was unavailable to attend and the Commissioner facilitated in his place. The BHS facility “topping out” ceremony will take place on May 13th. The Commissioner also shared that it is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Commissioners will be signing a proclamation declaring May as such. The Commissioner attended the recent in-person Imagine Zero conference and said there were

great speakers and it was well attended by about 300 attendees. She's very grateful to those who organized the event. The County Commissioners allocated some money towards phase two of the behavioral health campus which may be accelerated to address some pressing needs in the community with youth. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally discussed the recent progress on the BH facility construction and Laurie Stolen shared the most recent photos of the project.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Shadduck McNally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2022 meeting. Marianne Dungan made the motion, seconded by Wendy Koenig; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. There was no update on the [BHS dashboard](#).
3. Laurie Stolen had an update on the BHS Facility sharing that the Governor is coming on Wednesday to visit and is interested in some projects with ARPA funding potential . One of which is the phase 2 acceleration of the BH initiative. This involves adding an adolescent care facility to the BH campus by the use of some potential ARPA funding when that grant opportunity comes about. The Governor is also interested in seeing how far along the planning is coming to be able to expand adolescent care in our community.
4. Laurie Stolen didn't have any specific community landscape updates but asked for committee member input. Mayor Koenig said they just had a fire meeting at the Ridgeline Hotel with firemen from the Poudre Valley and all over the state. Marianne Dungan said the census is picking back up a little bit at the Harmony Foundation and they're accepting patients. She also shared that Salud is looking for a new Center Director and a Medical Director. Brian Ferrans shared that he attended the Noco Cares quarterly meeting last week, and it's a large group of community partners around Larimer County working on the behavioral health crisis. He also shared that the Murphy Center recently got a Naloxone vending machine which has test strips, hygiene kits, and administration kits. This is the first in Northern Colorado but they're looking to add one more each in Loveland and Greeley as well as two additional machines potentially with grant funds from CDPHE. Brian said they've done a lot of legislative updates with Lisa Ward from the Health District of Northern Larimer County. There has been a lot of disparate conversation about the impacts of the fentanyl bill being pushed through right now and what it may or may not do in terms of harm reduction versus criminal justice and law enforcement; but, we're just waiting to see what happens with the conclusion of the legislative session. Laurie also shared that Brian was just hired by SummitStone as the Deputy Executive Director of the new BH facility.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie gave an update on the municipal elected officials as a result of the recent elections. A new representative from Wellington and Johnstown will be appointed to the council and those will be shared once available.
2. Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell shared that the 2021 Annual Report is completed and starting to make its way out into the community. The Annual Report is available in both English and Spanish on the [BHS website](#) and if any council members would like physical copies for their own networks or constituents you can contact Jennifer directly at wolfekje@co.larimer.co.us and let her know how many copies of each version you would like as well as your mailing address.
3. Jennifer mentioned that a soft launch is happening for the Impact Fund grant cycle and for the month of May everyone will be able to preview the funding areas and the application process before the application window opens on June 1. Jennifer will be sending out an email today, announcing that information, so she asked members to keep an eye out for it and to pass it along to anyone in their own networks who may be interested in learning more.

GRANTEE VIRTUAL TOURS

1. Sarah McKeen from Boys & Girls Clubs of Larimer County presented a virtual tour of her agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#). Sarah then answered Council member's questions.
2. Catherine Carabetta, Brent Carmack, and Nick Duarte, from the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery presented a virtual tour of their Museum, highlighting their efforts to host the Mental Health Matters exhibit. Catherine, Brent, and Nick then answered Council member's questions.
3. Harrison Swift and TJ Cruz from Northern Colorado Veterans Resource Center presented a virtual tour of their agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#). Harrison and TJ then answered Council member's questions.

The next meeting will be held virtually on June 6, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:30 a.m.