

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: January 9, 2023
Time: 8:00 - 10:00am
Location: 200 W Oak St. Fort Collins, CO 80521 & Zoom
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director
Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Business Operations Coordinator

Participants:

Marianne Dungan, Jarah Grashorn, Susan Gutowsky, Isabel Gwilliam, Wendy Koenig, Lisa Laake, Jacki Marsh, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Jody Shadduck-McNally, David Wiegand, Barry Wilson

Absent:

Brian Ferrans, Will Karspeck

Attendees:

Beth Yonce

CALL TO ORDER – 8:04 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally called the meeting to order and had everyone introduce themselves. The Commissioner shared that an artist was selected via the RFP process, and subsequently approved by the Board of County Commissioners, for a sculpture called “The Journey”, to be placed near the entrance of the Acute Care Facility on the Longview Campus. The artist’s name is Lorri Acott. The Commissioner described some of the artist’s background, her previous work, and the piece that will be constructed.
2. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally welcomed Jarah Grashorn and Isabel Gwilliam to the council, the 2 new at-large BHPC members, and had them each give a more in depth introduction of themselves to the group.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting. Chad Morris made the motion, seconded by Barry Wilson; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. There was no update on the [BHS dashboard](#).
3. Laurie Stolen gave an update on the progress of the Acute Care building at Longview Campus saying that it is 65% complete and that some areas of the interior are being painted. SummiStone is beginning to bring teams through to get oriented with the building and it is on schedule for an August move-in date. At that point, time will be spent on sharing the building with the community (ribbon cutting ceremony, tours, etc.) and likely to start taking clients on November 1, 2023.
4. Laurie Stolen gave a community landscape update discussing Poudre School District's follow up efforts regarding student mental health after the Mental Health Summit presented in November by Thompson School District (in collaboration with Poudre School District and Estes Park School District). Laurie also discussed plans for the second phase of the BHS initiative including an application that's been submitted to request ARPA funds to support the construction of an adolescent facility at Longview. The Larimer County Board of County Commissioners have set aside \$10M funding for it as well as BHS and a response on the application is expected in early March.
5. Jessica Plummer gave an update on closed grants. sharing that 2021 grants are in the process of being closed out. So far about 21 have been closed, about 10 more final reports will be received by the end of January, and 7 have extensions to the end of June. That means the last of the final reports will be reviewed and grants closed by August or September of this year. Since grants close at different times throughout the year, a discussion was held on how the council would like to receive closed grant information moving forward. The BHS team collected input and will put together a proposal for the council to review and approve.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie Stolen discussed the end of Phase I event taking place at Embassy Suites in Loveland on 12/14/23 and asked for council members' input on the event. This discussion led to questions on BHS funding pathways and how the opening of the Acute Care facility at Longview will affect future programming and initiatives. Laurie detailed plans and funding pathways at length as well as alternatives to how the county may fund the adolescent facility if an ARPA grant is not received. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally reminded everyone that the Board of County Commissioners has already committed \$10 million of the county's ARPA funding to the project. The Commissioner also led an in-depth discussion on funding, the BoCC's budget strategy, and walked the council through the ['Budget Explorer'](#) tool.

2. Laurie Stolen discussed plans for the TAC/CAC 2023 work session, where they meet annually to create recommendations for the grant program for the year. Plans include further refinement of the targeted projects, (fundable concepts) of the 6 [previously identified](#) funding priorities, determining improvements based on the previous year's program, and determining how to measure success in the coming year. The work session will be held over the course of 3 meetings taking place January - March.
Recommendations will then be presented for BHPC consideration on April 3rd and then sent to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. Council members then shared input on grant funding possibilities as they relate to the community needs they are seeing.
3. Laurie Stolen facilitated a discussion on how to intentionally increase funding to rural areas of Larimer County, soliciting council member input. Great discussion was had.
4. Laurie Stolen discussed Phase I grant funding observations, explaining that Phase I has been very community informed, and that will evolve into a data informed approach in Phase II. As a result, the grant program will be evaluated for effectiveness, and suggested changes will come through the TAC/CAC work session to the BHPC and BoCC for approval.
5. Laurie Stolen discussed the possibility of holding in-person grantee site visits in the Spring/Summer of 2023 outside of a scheduled BHPC meeting and presented some suggestions. Council members discussed the possibilities and decided they'd like to take a few hours one morning in the Spring/Summer and tour the Larimer County Community Justice Alternatives programs (ASD and Community Corrections). More information on the visit will be shared once plans are solidified.

The next meeting will be held in person (with a virtual option) in Loveland at 200 Peridot Ave. on April 3rd, 2023.

ADJOURN – 9:52 a.m.