

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: February 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, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Jacki Marsh, Clark McCoy, Steve Olson, Jody Shadduck-McNally, Barry Wilson

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Jenna Coleman, Mike Doyle, Scott Smith

Attendees:

Beth Yonce

Absent:

Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Chad Morris, Bill Stevens

CALL TO ORDER – 8:05 a.m.

COMMISSIONER REMARKS

1. Barry Wilson welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order and turned things over to Commissioner Shadduck McNally for Commissioner's Remarks. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally took a moment to welcome and thank everyone for their service on the council. She spoke on the progress being made at the BHS facility construction site and Laurie Stolen shared [these photos](#). Commissioner Shadduck-McNally shared that she'll be going to Washington D.C. this week for the National Association of Counties, a legislative policy national conference, to look at funding for broadband. Specifically, this

is relevant to behavioral health for telehealth possibilities as well as connecting rural areas and the economic and public safety that comes with that connection. The Commissioner also shared that the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is still looking at ARPA funding possibilities as well as regional projects where they could potentially braid funding together with municipality and state funds. Finally, Commissioner Shadduck-McNally shared that she recently testified on a code enforcer bill (a legislative item the BoCC is working on). As a result she had the opportunity to speak with some of the state's Behavioral Health Task Force members, including Representative Michaelson Jenet about work being done and opportunities in our community.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Grantee Virtual Tours:
 - a. Mike Doyle from Front Range Exceptional Equestrians presented a virtual tour of his agency's work by sharing this [video](#). Mike then answered Council member's questions.
 - b. Scott Smith from Alliance for Suicide Prevention of Larimer County presented a virtual tour of his agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#). Scott then answered Council member's questions.
 - c. Jenna Coleman from SAFY of CO presented a virtual tour of her agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#). Jenna then answered Council member's questions.
2. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022 meeting. Steve Olson made the motion, seconded by Susan Gutowsky; the motion was approved unanimously.
3. Kim Priddy didn't have an update on the [BHS dashboard](#) this month. However, she will be updating data on the dashboard next month once numbers are available from the state and potentially a new data source as well.
4. Laurie Stolen shared an update on the BHS Facility. All the caissons have been drilled and the concrete forms have been poured, the next step is pouring the concrete walls for the crawl space, and erecting the steel structure. In relation to the facility, Laurie had Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell inform the council on updates to the previously planned (in-person) roadshow presentations, now being called lunch and learn presentations as they're being moved to Zoom for the time being. Presentations will be done in collaboration with SummitStone Health Partners and will be offered monthly on the third Wednesday of each month from 12 - 1 p.m. starting 2/16/22. Announcements containing further details were sent via email shortly after the meeting and may end up in the recipient's spam folder. So, if it wasn't received in your inbox, check your spam folder and add bhs@larimer.org to your contact list to prevent communications being sent to spam in the future. The presentations from February to June will be geared specifically for care providers and first responders, and July to November presentations will be aimed at a more general audience. Recordings of presentations will be made available and posted on

the BHS website for anyone who cannot attend during the scheduled time. Presentations for organizations, medical teams, or community groups will also be available upon request.

5. Laurie Stolen shared a community landscape update. Laurie presented a high level update on the state's Behavioral Health Administration and Transformational Task Force work that's going on. They have submitted their [recommendation report](#) for consideration on the use of ARPA dollars. Within those funding allocation recommendations they have outlined six outcomes that they would like to see from the use of the dollars and 18 policy considerations to be applied when making funding decisions. The last part of this effort is the community behavioral health care continuum gap grant framework which is about investing ARPA funding to support local communities in achieving transformational behavioral health outcomes. Larimer County is involved in several of these projects and will continue to seek out any opportunities, including meeting with Governor Polis in a couple weeks to discuss the behavioral health work being done in our community and available funding sources. Final outcomes on these allocation recommendations should be available by the end of May/early June when this year's legislative session wraps up. Laurie also shared that the BH facility naming project is wrapping up and that finalists will be brought to the BH advisory groups for input before being presented to the Larimer Board of County Commissioners for a final selection.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally started a discussion on the intergenerational space as it relates to the BH facility and the importance of ensuring that services provided bridge the gap of demographics and generations. This is particularly important for older adults as aging brings on other behavioral health issues and challenges with isolation so she wants to make sure those services are integrated with others in the facility. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also emphasized the value that federal and state funding partners place on this type of intergenerational regional approach. She shared that there is some opportunity for partnerships, collaboration, and potential funding sources, specifically the Older Americans Act. Council members echoed the Commissioner's thoughts in that the older adult demographic is often overlooked, have disproportionate resources, and are less likely to seek help when they need it but are one of the most valuable demographics in our community. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also mentioned the upcoming genHERous 2 event occurring on 3/5/22; this is an intergenerational conversation conference for women aged 17 - 90+ facilitated by the CSU Center for Public Deliberation. Please contact Commissioner Shadduck-McNally personally for more information.
2. Laurie Stolen discussed an update on the TAC/CAC worksession. The TAC and CAC both met separately in January to define what would be accomplished in this year's worksession. The goal of which is to drive programming in the community where the

subject area experts deem the highest need and to improve the quality of those services provided to achieve the greatest impacts and outcomes possible. This will be accomplished by refining the targeted projects, assessing different data points from the previous year and defining important data points that need to be measured moving forward. The TAC and CAC will be meeting jointly in February and March to accomplish this work and will bring forth recommendations for the 2022 Impact Fund Grant Program to the BHPC in April. Laurie then addressed council member questions regarding the process.

3. Laurie Stolen reviewed recommended changes made to the BHPC bylaws ([available here](#)). Changes were made to ensure the language used in the bylaws aligned with how the council actually operates, namely that the TAC and CAC are subcommittees of the BHPC (rather than individual committees appointed by the Board of County Commissioners). Wendy Koenig made a motion to accept the changes made to the BHPC bylaws, seconded by Susan Gutowsky, the motion was approved unanimously.
4. Laurie Stolen opened a discussion to determine what achievements the BHPC would like to accomplish and celebrate by the end of the year. Ideas discussed include: celebrating all the work the advisory groups put into the Impact Fund, celebrating partners, innovation and the recognition that's been received, relaunch of the Coffee Cart Program at Estes Park High School, examining the available data/metrics to see where the impacts are from our work and reaching out to community partners for personal testimonials.
5. Barry Wilson stated that council member input and feedback on meeting content would be discussed offline. He then adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be held virtually on March 7, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:53 a.m.