

LARIMER COUNTY | BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: April 4, 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, Will Karspeck, Wendy Koenig, Lisa Kurth, Jacki Marsh, Clark McCoy, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Barry Wilson

TAC/CAC presenters:

Donna Goldstrom, Madison Krumwiede, Carol Plock

Attendees:

Karen Barrett, Amber Bass, Whitney Bennett-Clear, Lory Clukey, Seth Forwood, Monica Foster, Kaycee Headrick, Stephanie Madsen-Pixler, Sarah McKeen, Michael Ruttenberg, Mary Beth Swanson, Nick Verni-Lau, Laura Walker, Silen Wellington, Beth Yonce

Grantee Virtual Site Visits:

Laurie Klith

Absent:

Susan Gutowsky, Troy Hamman, Lisa Laake, Mary Maldonado, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Bill Stevens

CALL TO ORDER – 8:04 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 thanked everyone for their service on the Council and discussed the progress of the construction on the BH facility as Laurie Stolen shared the most recent aerial drone photographs of the site. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally mentioned that she was interviewed by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for a story on Larimer County's broadband efforts and the Behavioral Health initiative which became a story that was featured on the front page of their monthly newsletter. The Commissioner also discussed a recent visit to Larimer County by Governor Polis and Congressman Neguse where they discussed funding opportunities and the behavioral health center. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally shared that tomorrow, April 5th, is the last day for the current County Manager, Linda Hoffmann, as she's set to retire. There will be an open house and retirement party to thank Linda and honor her for her years of service to the county. For anyone that's interested, the event will be held tomorrow from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in the hearing room at 200 W. Oak St. The Commissioner also discussed the community mapping program which is one of the goals of Larimer County's strategic plan. Because of that grant and that progress, there's a data sharing opportunity available which she'll look to get added to a future BHPC agenda for further discussion.

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Barry Wilson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting. Mayor Wendy Koenig made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Shadduck-McNally; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Kim Priddy gave an update on the [BHS dashboard](#) and showed 4 new data points that she received access to and added to the dashboard. The new data is four primary indicators coming directly from emergency departments (ED) in the county and includes Mental Health ED visits, Substance Use ED visits, Suicide Death Rate, and Overdose Death Rate. These new indicators show a comparison of data over the period of a few years in the county as well as statewide numbers. One noteworthy observation is that preliminary data for 2021 shows a reduction in suicide rates for the first time in a number of years .
3. Laurie Stolen had an update on the BHS Facility sharing that she'll start having monthly walkthroughs and they're working to select finishes, furniture, and to define the flow of the spaces (ensuring correct access controls, etc.). The construction crew is also planning on hosting a "topping off" ceremony on May 13th where the last "I" beam of the steel structure will be set. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by and sign the beam and join in a small celebration.
4. Laurie Stolen shared a community landscape update. Laurie shared that May is mental health awareness month and BHS will be providing the County Commissioners with a proclamation to formally recognize May as such. BHS also made a proclamation template so if any elected officials of the BHPC would like to bring the proclamation to their municipality's boards to be adopted, here is a [template of the proclamation](#) to use.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Donna Goldstrom, the TAC Chair, Madison Krumwiede, the CAC Chair, and Carol Plock, TAC member and Care Coordination Subcommittee lead, were available to present the [TAC and CAC's recommendations](#) from their work session for the 2022 Impact Fund Grant Program and answer council member questions. Barry Wilson asked for a motion, the Commissioner so moved, Mayor Koenig asked for clarification on the motion, the motion was restated to approve the Funding Priority and Targeted Project recommendations for the 2022 Impact Fund grant program and bring those recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for approval, Mayor Wendy Koenig seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Jessica Plummer presented a review of the Impact Fund grant cycle and timeline, available [here](#).

VIRTUAL GRANTEE TOURS

1. Laurie Klith from Center for Family Outreach presented a virtual tour of her agency's work by sharing this [presentation](#). Laurie then answered council member's questions.

The next meeting will be held virtually on May 2, 2022.

ADJOURN – 9:31 a.m.