

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

Location: 2260 W. Trilby Road, Fort Collins, Colorado - Goldfinch Conference Room & [Zoom](#)

Contact: Amy Martonis, Behavioral Health Director

Behavioral Health Policy Council Minutes

Participants:

Tricia Canonico, Seth Forwood, Jarah Grashorn, Gary Hall, Dee Anne Menzies, Chad Morris, Commissioner Jody Shadduck-McNally, Jennifer Swanty, David Wiegand

Absent:

Sierra Black, Susan Gutowsky, Bill Jenkins, Will Karspeck, Ron Steinbach

Call to Order – 8:11 a.m.

Commissioner Remarks

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Commissioner shared that she had written an [article](#), which was recently featured in some area newspapers. The article focused on being thoughtful around the holidays while celebrating some of the achievements accomplished by Larimer County in 2025, including the opening of the adolescent unit at Longview. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also mentioned the upcoming open house for the new Avenues Recovery Center in South Fort Collins, adding to the community's resources for behavioral health opportunities and options for care.

Action Items/Decisions

1. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for a motion to approve the [12/8/25 BHPC meeting minutes](#). Gary Hall motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by David Wiegand; the minutes were approved unanimously.
2. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally opened nominations for a 2026 BHPC Chair and 2026 BHPC Vice Chair. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally nominated herself for BHPC Chair in 2026, seconded by Gary Hall; the motion to appoint Commissioner Shadduck-McNally as Chair in 2026 was approved unanimously. Gary Hall nominated himself for BHPC Vice Chair in 2026, seconded by Seth Forwood; the motion to appoint Gary Hall as Vice Chair in 2026 was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

1. Ryan Barstow conducted an [annual training](#) for Larimer County Boards and Commissions, covering topics such as boards & commissions roles, types, and responsibilities, staff support, structure of Larimer County government. He emphasized the importance of transparency, fair decision-making, and adherence to county policies and state laws. The training included information on County policies and state laws affecting boards, including the Colorado Open Meetings Law, Colorado Ethics Laws, the Larimer County Code of Conduct, Colorado Open Records Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

2. Amy Martonis, Behavioral Health Director, provided departmental updates. Amy shared that BHS had a work session on December 17th with the Board of County Commissioners to share funding options for the multiyear funding initiative. Following that work session, she had an opportunity to meet with each of the Commissioners one-on-one for an hour to talk in more detail about the funding proposals in the three areas of workforce development, a consumer access portal, and co-located behavioral health services. Madeline Novey is putting together a full Q&A to share the questions that were asked and the additional discussion that was had. BHS will be going back for another work session with the BoCC on 2/4 at 1:30 pm to receive additional direction about which project will be prioritized in addition to efforts to strengthen and support the BH workforce. Amy also shared that BHS will publicly launch their departmental strategic plan for 2026 - 2030 at the 2/4 work session. Regarding the opening of Avenues Recovery Center, New Vista Behavioral Health, and PVH's new BH wing, Amy said the department is excited about expanded BH services in the community and will be making a resource map to identify new and expanded treatment options in Larimer County, which will detail care options and how they may intersect.
 - a. Madeline Novey discussed the work to build an expanded resource map for new and existing BH resources in the community to recognize what services are available. As a starting point for this work, Madeline shared a graphic to help understand how BHS is connected with other BH resources and work happening across the community. Madeline clarified that although BHS is at the center of the graphic, it's merely for illustrative purposes and not to suggest BHS is at the center of, or overseeing, all of the work being done.
3. Jessica provided an overview of some of the outcomes from the 2024 Grants, which are now closing. While not a complete overview, she provided a few key highlights and trends. 26 of the 42 final grant reports were submitted in October 2025, 14 closed in December with reports due 1/31/26, and 2 had no-cost extensions granted into 2026. Jessica highlighted a few programs as well as stories of impact, including those shared via the BHS website, social media, and the Lamplighter newsletter. Jessica went on to detail the top challenges, as well as positive themes and transformative impacts of the closed grants to date. Jessica reviewed the evolution of BHS grant-making over the last 6 years and went on to provide an overview of the focus for 2026 TAC and CAC work product. Jessica concluded the presentation by detailing how a shared metrics evaluation plan will be used to demonstrate the long-term, collective impact of these sales tax investments in the coming years.
4. Commissioner Shaddock-McNally concluded the meeting by discussing upcoming plans to honor May as Mental Health Month, which will be detailed further at the upcoming April meeting. The Commissioner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seth Forwood motioned to adjourn, seconded by David Wiegand; the motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURN – 9:59 a.m.

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BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall Larimer County taxes be increased \$19,000,000 dollars annually (estimated first fiscal year dollar increase in 2019) and by whatever additional amount as may be raised annually thereafter, for a period of 20 years by the imposition of a .25% (25 cents on \$100 dollars) sales and use tax with all revenue from such tax to be used in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners Resolution # 07242018R013 for the following Mental/Behavioral Health care purposes;

-Provide preventative, early identification, intervention, support, and treatment services for youth, adults, families and senior citizens, either directly or indirectly, who are residents of Larimer County including Berthoud, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Johnstown, Loveland, Timnath, Wellington, Windsor and rural communities of Larimer County through in-person and other delivery methods, which may include tele-services, community based services and other service options and;

-acquire, construct, improve, maintain, lease, remodel, staff, equip, and operate new and/or existing mental/behavioral health facilities;

Further provided that an annual report shall be published and provided to the Board of County Commissioners on the designation or use of the revenues from the tax increase in the preceding calendar year consistent with its approved purposes.