

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Clallam County Courthouse

January 10, 2023

3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Christina Miko, John DeBoer, Kristine Johnson, Wendy Sisk, Rebecca Larson, Anne Grover, Bruce Fernie, Kristina Bullington, Tayler McCrorie, Helen Kenoyer,

Non-voting members present: Jenny Oppelt, Kirsten Poole, Jody Jacobsen, Amy Bundy

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Commissioner Mark Ozias, Amy Miller, Mary Rose Dewald, Elizabeth Hansen, Tamara Vanover, Amy Brandt

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.
2. **Agenda** – Majority approved the agenda.
3. **Minutes** – Majority approved the minutes as presented from November 8, 2022
4. **Old Business**
 - Position Vacancies: Tribal Representative, WA Dept of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Private Provider of Substance Use Disorders Services not contracting for funding and Representative for the Hospital. Anyone interested or know of someone can reach out to Christine Dunn via email or call.
 - Discussion occurred around contacting DCYF, Tom Stokes had communicated with the staff member that would replace him on the board and they have not reached out, HHS staff has attempted to contact a few times, will locate another contact. Commissioner Ozias offered to reach out to Olympic Medical Center. Kirsten Poole has been in contact with DCFY and is talking to a couple of employees who would be great for the position.
5. **New Business**
 - Strengthening the Health-Serving Workforce – Presented by Amy Brandt – Olympic Community of Health (OCH) * See attached presentation.
 - Amy shared with the board the health-serving workforce includes anyone working to improve the health of the community. There is room for everyone in this important work and the AIM is to support a strong and healthy workforce which produces a ripple effect that positively impacts individual and population health.
 - Amy reported OCH surveyed 26 regional partners, conducted 7 key interviews to expand collection of successes and challenges, and compiled those findings into a report that goes into depth of all the information she is sharing today.

- A thriving health serving workforce requires attention to four different components. Recruitment, engagement, development, and retention of staff.
- Discussion followed. Commissioner Ozias asked if the Peninsula was losing behavioral health workers to other parts of the state that can pay higher wages? Amy stated that there is a decreasing rate of individuals entering the workforce and competition the Seattle area and competitive salaries makes it difficult. Wendy added that during Covid a lot of people that retired and not return to the workforce. Agencies need to get creative, create flexibility, it's hard to do with limited resources.
- Continue Funding Structure and Data Reporting Discussion * See attached draft report.
 - Christine Dunn shared with the board the draft request for proposal (RFP) timeline. Jenny added that where the dollars are currently going in contracts through the RFP process is being looked at. There's a potential to utilize those dollars for a special project adding those to the next RFP to make it a little larger. Those are all things that are kind of on the table for discussion for the retreat.
 - Discussion followed. It was suggested that each program applying for funding come to the meetings and give an overview or synopsis of what they do or have been doing so board members can prepare any questions. Possibly 2 presenters per meeting.
 - Staff will reach out to begin a discussion around data collection for in county funded programs.
 - This will remain an ongoing discussion.

6. Future Meeting Agendas

- Clallam County Jail – Tamara Vanover
- Tru Star
- Harm Reduction Health Center

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Announcements

- Jenny Oppelt shared the release of the Homelessness RFP is happening now. The total availability for the homeless services dollars is 1.2 million for a 2 year fund cycle and \$240,000 for a 2 year fund cycle for the capital projects. All of the documentation is on our HHS homepage and on the County homepage as well.
- Wendy Sisk shared they are in the home stretch with All View and started installing the cabinets today. Once it gets a little closer to opening the doors they will start accepting applications, Andrew Reiner's our housing manager, he will be screening applicants. They are hopeful that they will be moving in, in March. Department of Commerce funded the project an additional 1.3 million.
- Christine Miko shared pit count will be January 26th and on January 26th Family Support Center will have Spanish speaking individuals helping fill out Point in Time paperwork for both sheltered and unsheltered people.

- Kristine Johnson shared North Olympic Health Care new clinic is an expansion of primary care and vision is the new service being added which they have not had before.
- Wendy Sisk shared that the PA chamber of Commerce Community Awards are January 20th.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm

Next meeting: March 14, 2023

Voting Members: John DeBoer, Bruce Fernie, Helen Kenoyer, Anne Grover, Rebecca Larsen
Tayler McCrorie, Kristine Johnson, Christina Miko, Kristina Bullington, Wendy Sisk

Non-Voting Members: Amy Bundy, Jenny Oppelt, Jody Jacobson, Kirsten Poole

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim