

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
March 14, 2023
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

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

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

Absent: Rebecca Larson, Tayler McCrorie,

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Commissioner Mark Ozias, Elizabeth Hansen, Tamara Vanover, Don Wenzl, Sheriff King, Joseph Mocerri, Cynthia Hanson, Kay Stohr, Lisa Al-Hakim, Johnny Watts, Kristen Fox, and Brian Gerdes

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 January 10, 2023.

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 Hospitals. Anyone interested or know of someone can reach out to Christine Dunn via email or call.

5. New Business

- Jail Behavioral Health Services Presentation – Presented by Tamara Vanover – Clallam County Corrections Facility (CCCF) * See attached presentation.
 - Tamara shared the primary objective of mental health case management in CCCF is reducing recidivism through navigating current and historical barriers to accessing services within our community.
 - Tamara stated the goal at intake is collecting information, identifying needs, and constructing preliminary plans. A warm handoff and having an agency meet

- individuals when they are released, instead of just walking out of jail into an environment where they are faced with a lot of triggers is helpful.
- Discussion followed. Amy Bundy shared that there is really a lot of medical paperwork that goes into this. Tamara advised that no one in jail is denied medication for opioid withdrawal. They are assessed and jail medical will give appropriate medication or Rediscovery will transport out of the jail into treatment once released.
 - Juvenile and Family Services Presentation – True Star Behavioral Health – Cindy Hanson and Kay Stohr * See attached presentation.
 - Cindy gave a brief history of True Star; the program and the funding structure.
 - Kay shared with the group how they receive referrals and what services are provided and what referrals are made to other agencies.
 - Discussion followed. Christina Miko asked about serving youth out of county. Kay stated some counties do not have the facilities or other support needs, so coordination is necessary. True Star can provide more comprehensive services and meet other jail staff and make connections.
 - Harm Reduction Health Center (HRHC) – Lisa Al-Hakim * See attached presentation.
 - Lisa shared the Syringe exchange program has changed its name to the Harm Reduction Health Center. The center is confidential and wrap around services are offered. People are treated with respect and dignity by people with experience who understand the issues around living outside and using substances.
 - Jenny Oppelt added that the county is looking at potentially leasing a separate space for the HRHC as it has greatly outgrown the current location.
 - A short discussion followed. Amy Bundy asked about how the Sheriff's Department could get naloxone and what to do with the expired boxes. Lisa stated that the naloxone is good for a very long time, it can lose a little bit of its potency, but it does work. Health & Human Services gets naloxone from the Washington Department of Health. Lisa will forward a link that law enforcement can utilize to order naloxone from them.

6. Future Meeting Agendas

- Continue Funding Structure and Data Reporting Discussing

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Announcements

- Wendy Sisk shared Heidi Anderson the CEO of the Forks Community Hospital is very interested in serving on the board. Also of note, Medicaid is anticipating disenrolling 400,000 beginning in May, and Peninsula Behavioral Health is happy to announce there will be a ribbon cutting at Dawn View Court on April 13, at 5:00 pm.
- Jenny Oppelt shared that the Homelessness Task Force RFP closed at the beginning of March, and there were 15 applications, with about double the amount of asks than available funding.

- Kristine Johnson shared North Olympic Health Care new clinic is an expansion of primary care and vision services which is new.
- Wendy Sisk shared that the PA chamber of Commerce Community Awards are January 20th.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm

Next meeting: May 9, 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