

**WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
**Behavioral Health Council**  
**Wednesday**  
**May 24, 2023**

**Present:** Kim Cooper, Danielle Berner, Marcia Hille, Jennifer Yonker, Francesca Sinapi, Karen James, Dave Mowry, Becky Jones, Carol Greenough, Eric Schmidt, Laura Vences, Larysa Thomas, Steven Youngs, Sean Fields

**Absent:** Mary Monnat, Stephanie Rose, Colin McCoy, Tammy Dowd Shearer,

**Staff:** Nick Ocon, BH Director; Ian May, Behavioral Health Program Supervisor; Kathy Prenevost, Addictions Program Supervisor; Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist; Jasmine Cuddigan, Administrative Specialist II

**Guests:** Sally Reid

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

**Public/Visitor Comment:** There were no public comments.

**Behavioral Health & Addressing Housing Barriers**

- Hannah Leyshon, from Bridges to Change gave a presentation on the services that Bridges to Change offers to clients.
- Requirements to be considered for the program are:
  - Ability to follow program rules
  - 18 years or older
  - A desire to participate in the services
  - Abide by the curfew
  - Be able to live in a group environment
- Some key takeaways:
  - All services are geared to be low barrier- clients can come in with a dirty UA (urinalysis), but cannot use while in the house
  - Measure 110 funded housing have no length of stay for clients
  - There was a reminder and discussion that success cannot always be measured in one certain way or by one metric only. Success looks different for everyone.
- Please see attached slideshow for additional details

**Program Updates:**

**CMHP (Community Mental Health Program)**

- We are currently in conversation with the State for updated contracts, but it has been stated that liability protection will not be a part of these conversations. There is also conversations about removing language pertaining to available funding.

- The current contract (with old language) has been extended for another 6 months until the end of 2023.
- Nick discussed some numbers showing utilization of the Mental Health Response Team (MHRT).
- Please see attached graphs for additional information

### **CCO (Coordinated Care Organizations)**

- There are some webinars regarding the 1115 Waiver. Here is the link: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/hsd/medicaid-policy/pages/waiver-renewal.aspx> (live sessions are each Wednesday from 10am to 11am)
- Nick outlined the performance metrics dashboard for the CCOs. Here is the link: <https://visual-data.dhsoha.state.or.us/t/OHA/views/CCOPerformanceMetrics/performance?%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y>

### **Addictions**

- Peers are a valuable part of the system of care and recovery.
- Mental Health And Addictions Association of Oregon (MHAAO) recently held their annual peer meeting event, Peerpocalypse, in which over 900 peers attended. There were over 50 different workshops. It was held in Seaside.
- **CATT Update:**
  - Open House will be held in August as there has been a delay getting the keys to the Evergreen site. Kathy will continue to provide details on the project to the BHC.
  - Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have the CATT project as part of \$2.5 million federal earmark. We will know more information in September.
- **BH Division Budget Process**
  - The budget process for the county has closed. Since BH is mostly funded with specialty funding (and not County General Fund), there will be few cuts.
  - We are also taking the Suicide Prevention position from Public Health and moving it to our division effective July 1.

### **Member Updates/Sharing**

- **Carol-** Family Promise of Tualatin Valley will be closing on a 140 room motel for youth and their families. Thank you to Washington County for helping to close that financial gap.
- There will be a BH 101 for our new members. Current members are welcome to join us. It will be on 6/1 from 9-10:30am. Please reach out to Aika if you would like an invitation.
- There will be no meetings in June or July.
- The member only retreat will be in August in person. There will be no virtual options.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.**

**The meeting minutes for April have been approved.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Aika Fallstrom, Program Specialist**