

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities
Advisory Committee
(MHADDAC)
February 1, 2022
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

Present: Katrina Shortridge, Kara Daley, Cody Gotchall, Diane Scottaline, Helen Cunha,
Kevin Dimmick, Elizabeth Hazelwood, John Gotchall, Laura King, Rita
Sawyer

Staff: Dannielle Brown, Dani Martin, Jasper Smith

Guests: N/A

Excused: Xan Augerot

I. Call to Order and introductions

Meeting called to order at 5:16 pm by chair, Scottaline.

II. Approval of January minutes

- A motion was made to approve January minutes with corrections suggested by J. Gotchall and agreed upon by the committee. The committee unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

III. Community Feedback and Announcements

- MHADDAC's advisory focus includes physical disability only as it relates as a co-occurring disability or condition for those experiencing mental health, addictions, and developmental diversity. The committee discussed this at length for clarification. The County doesn't have a department specifically serving individuals with physical disabilities, however the Disabilities Services Advisory Committee w/APD does have more of a focus in this area.
- You can order COVID related supplies (including tests) through OHA. The County brought Pathfinder Clubhouse some supplies when they were very much needed. The masks available come in several options as well as sanitizing wipes.
- It was agreed by the group that any information that is put into the chat will be emailed to the group. J. Gotchall volunteered to read aloud any messages from the chat to the group. Dani will copy any information from the chat and send to the group in an email moving forward.
- The State Hospital is open again for now, but has gone in and out of lockdown due to COVID transmission multiple times. There is no date for when they will be taking admissions again, but as always they are at capacity at this time.
- Some of the new MHADDAC members have asked about an introductory orientation to the committee. It was discussed as a group and decided that this would be beneficial. An org chart, bylaws, an overview for the purpose of the committee, and a brief bio of each member was also suggested by Hazelwood, who is a newer member herself. The format for this orientation was also

discussed and a binder with static information was suggested, as was a live orientation to field questions, a review of challenges, and a review of plans-including communications with the commissioners. J. Gotchall proposed that information for new members be separated into the categories of historical context, where the committee is today, and where they would like it to go. It was also suggested that an acronym dictionary would be helpful.

- The availability of the minutes for this committee were also discussed, as they are not updated on the County website monthly. Brown and Martin explained that at this time, the County does not have the capacity to perform this on a monthly basis and that none of the staff that sit on this committee have the ability to do this upload. At this time, the website is updated in batches of 12 months. However, all MHADDAC minutes are public record and Martin can provide them at any time upon request. Brown and Dani will check and see what options are available to make this process more timely and will report back to the committee next month. Brown will also check with IT to see when the new County website will be launching. J. Gotchall made a motion to have minutes posted to the website by the end of the week after the meeting minutes are approved. King seconded this motion and the committee majority voted in favor of these motions, may the record show that Daly voted against the motion.
- The committee discussed how to communicate with commissioners to ensure that there is equal representation across all populations in the purview of MHADDAC. It was agreed that having a commissioner on the committee will help a lot with this, as commissioner Augerot is now committed to attending meetings moving forward.
- Hiring and recruiting for staff in all facets of care for the populations the committee serves and focuses on continues to be a great challenge.

IV. Legislative updates

- A new short session has convened.
- Major focuses of the new session may be housing and employment which could affect BH and DD services.
- A new composite bill was created for DD which pushes out the new requirement for sprinkler systems for all DD providers which created challenges for providers who were renting their homes.
- Agency of choice proposal has been added to the same composite bill, which would provide fiscal management but not all the training and follow up services that other agencies provide to create a new in between service in the DD system.
- ARPA money continues to be granted in various forms and grants will be made available to agencies for expansion, etc.
- Voting rights expansion is being discussed.
- There is also a proposal to maintain Medicaid eligibility during incarceration rather than general funding. This is being considered for the 1115 waiver.
- Bills around staff retention for MH are being considered, to infuse funding into the system to retain and obtain enough staff to meet the need in the community.

- OHA budget discussion from December explored cost sharing from individuals in the State Hospital, the proposal suggests that counties should share the cost of these stays, which could be impactful by \$1300-1800/day for individuals that need a LOC that is lower than the State Hospital. There is a lack of appropriate step down placements from this facility. Brown hopes that this does not pass but it is possible that it may as it may be presented as cost neutral for the state, but it is not cost neutral for counties.

V. Measure 110

- Not discussed at this meeting, will defer to March meeting.

VI. JSIP

- The County did another community engagement for JSIP in January and the commissioners then went into session and decided on the North site which is on the HP property on Hwy 20. They are in negotiations with the property owners for purchase. The bond date for the project is still 2023.
- The crisis center is moving forward regardless of the bond. The county has some estimates in review for buildings the center could be located at. Funding for the crisis center has been given 1.25 million from Representative Rayfield, the County is matching 1.25million in ARP funding, and are waiting on 1 million from Peter DeFazio's office that hasn't gone through appropriations yet. The County is looking at a variety of legislative options like lottery backed bonds. The bids are broad.
- King has requested that the new members of the committee have an overview of JSIP at an upcoming meeting.
- It was also agreed that having County counsel clarify what is or is not acceptable as far as advocacy in the community as a member of the committee. Brown will connect with Vance Croney to provide this information.

VII. Training resource discussion

- Did not discuss, will defer to March meeting.

VIII. CORE team update

- Did not discuss, will defer to March meeting.

IX. Proposed topics for March 1st:

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Measure 110
- JSIP
- Training resource discussion
- CORE team update
- Meeting minutes upload to County website update- Brown and Martin
- Update on advocacy in community for members of MHADDAC- Brown

Adjourned at 6:32pm by Scottaline