

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

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Present: Diane Scottaline, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Cody Gotchall, John Gotchall, Kevin Dimmick, Katrina Shortridge, Laura King, Kara Daley, Mal Miner  
Staff: Dani Martin, Nick Kurth, Jasper Smith, Xan Augerot  
Guests: Joel Goodwin, Patti Connolly, Nick Kurth  
Excused: Dannielle Brown

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by chair, Scottaline.

**II. Approval of February minutes**

- A motion was made to approve February minutes and the committee unanimously agreed to accept them as recorded.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- Martin spoke with Kailee Olson about uploading committee minutes to the County website and it was confirmed that they are able to be uploaded on a monthly basis.
- Scottaline acknowledged that the committee is able to improve the way by which it operates by using feedback from current and past members to be the most efficient as possible. She read the 5 powers and duties at the top of the meeting. It was mentioned that there is a desire to have more individuals on the committee that have lived experiences in the populations represented.
- March is Disabilities Awareness Month. There will be a walk and roll event at the Church of the Good Samaritan on 35<sup>th</sup> and Samaritan. All are welcome. Participants will be carrying signs to advocate and raise awareness of our neighbors with developmental disabilities. This will occur on March 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am-12pm.

**IV. Legislative updates**

- President Biden is expected to outline a new MH strategy at State of the Union tonight.
- Oregon Legislature has passed significant investments in MH workforce and housing.
- There is one bill related to DD that's sponsored by the department with three components: financial transparency, sprinkler systems in group homes (putting off the implementation in homes, at least for a few years while the impact is studied), and to create a hybrid service called Agency of Choice with which

individuals can hire their own support staff but there are agencies to help with certain services such as tax preparation, etc.

- The revenue forecast from February is expected to stay positive for a while and it's projected that the revenue forecast will be good up into the next decade.
- There was a match rate increase for some agencies as well as American Rescue Act funds that have been utilized in different ways.
- Oregon's declaration of emergency for the pandemic will end on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not expected to be renewed. The federal declaration of emergency has been stated as a 60 day notice that it will end and is also not expected to be renewed again. The firm date for the end of the mask mandate is March 12<sup>th</sup>, although this will not apply in medical settings and public transportation.

## **V. JSIP**

- Nick Kurth, manager of the Justice System Improvement program provided a presentation on JSIP, it's vision, goal, process, programs and facilities served, structure, and a detailed update on where the program stands at this time.
- He announced that through several funding sources, they have obtained full funding for the Crisis Center. Some funding for other programs and facilities in this project will be obtained through a bond and levy, as well as securing some matching funds from the state (such as to restore the historic courthouse).
- It was explained that JSIP is a 10 year program to enhance Benton County's entire justice system.
- Proposed locations for the Justice Center were presented and identified to be what is being called the "North Site" which is by Hewlett Packard and the water treatment plan. The Crisis Center will be stand alone (as it is being planned now) and will be located in downtown.
- It was agreed that it would be valuable to tour the current jail to get a firsthand perspective of why JSIP is different.
- Commissioner Augerot also suggested that having Matt Weatherall present to this committee about the legal system from the juvenile standpoint would also be important to understanding the justice system in Benton County as a whole.

## **VI. CommCard Presentation**

- Tabled due to running out of time this meeting. Will present at April's committee meeting.

## **VII. Proposed topics for April:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- CommCard presentation-John Gotchall, Joel Goodwin
- JSIP
- Training resource portal discussion

Adjourned at 6:34pm by Scottaline