

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities
Advisory Committee
(MHADDAC)
May 3, 2022
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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

Staff: Dani Martin, Jasper Smith, Xan Augerot, Ashley Talamantes, Ricky Garcia

Guests: Kailee Olson

Excused: Nick Kurth

I. Call to Order and introductions

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

II. Approval of April minutes

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

III. Community Feedback and Announcements

- Five people took the jail tour. Laura, Kevin, Elizabeth, and Diane were among them. Feedback was positive, stating that the tour was informative in many ways. The size of the jail was surprising to some. Dimmick's notes about the tour mentioned, "The jail, built in 1976 appears to be substandard, at least in comparison to other jails I have toured. It may also be the smallest in the state. The jail spends considerable time and expense transporting inmates to other facilities outside the area, which they contract with for beds. In utilizing other facilities to the extent that they do, Benton County also deprives inmates from being close to their families and support systems, as well as their participation in programs that could make a huge difference (in recidivism rates and other positive outcomes), such as the completion of their GED. We were informed that the GED program was discontinued because people aren't in our jail long enough to complete it. Also, the yard is very small – perhaps the size of a quarter of a basketball court. Program-wise, there doesn't appear to be much going on, other than just warehousing prisoners. So, while I'm not ready to *campaign* for the proposed new justice center bond, mainly because of the uncertainty of effective programs that would be housed there, I am now ready to vote for it.
- Kailee Olson, the new Communications Coordinator, attended this meeting to discuss posting information about this committee on social media. The purpose of this action is to boost public awareness of the public committees such as MHADDAC and notify them when a meeting will be occurring. The GoToMeeting

link is on the County website and does not change, this will continue to be located there for ongoing access to the public. Dani makes a virtual advertisement in the local newspapers monthly so that the public will be notified of MHADDAC meetings there as well, she will also be providing updates to the BH section of the health department's website.

- Vance Croney, Benton County attorney, will often send out information on “do’s” and “don’ts” for committee members and what they can do in their official capacities as they pertain to what may be on the ballot. In a private capacity, you can do whatever you choose but as someone representing the committee, there are limits to what you can and cannot do regarding items once they are on the ballot. Unless the committee has collectively agreed on a position one way or the other, members should be careful representing the opinion of the entire committee. This will apply to the bond measure for the justice center.
- Willamette Criminal Justice Council (WCJC) is a good resource for up to date information on decisions being made and new topics regarding the justice system. CARDVA, ABC House, and NAACP are regular nonprofit attendees on the council.
- Ashley Talamantes and Ricky Garcia have stepped into the Interim Co-Deputy Director of Behavioral Health positions for the County after Dannielle Brown left the County. The position has been posted and the recruiting process has thus begun. There is no timeline for hiring a replacement at this time.
- The Crisis Center planning is continuing and at this time is being headed up by Ricky Garcia and Eric Bowling with the BH department at the County.
- The Arc (locally and nationally) has been working with law enforcement to do DD training, such as with the CommCard program. The training for DD accommodations is developed by The Arc organizations, working together (The Arc of Benton County, of Aurora, and of the U.S.) to bring awareness to every justice intercept. Our law enforcement partners have been great collaborators. They are ready to welcome attorneys to the awareness work by providing MCLE credits (Minimum Continuing Legal Education). The goal is to have Access to Justice trainings available to the same audience by March of 2023 as well.

IV. Performance metrics

- King presented a spreadsheet on proposed areas of performance metrics for the County's needs and how MHADDAC can meet those needs and challenges.
- Key metrics suggested included employee satisfaction and retention, ability to meet MH clients needs in a timely fashion, screening to assessment scheduling, and update in each program area. These were examples of areas for the committee to track monthly with a goal for improvement over time.
- Upon discussion, the committee supported a monthly review of key performance members.
- Garcia explained that the County already has a lot of reporting being completed at this time, so not adding more to what is already being done would be helpful.
- King proposed meeting offline as a MHADD sub committee comprised of staff (e.g. Garcia & Talamantes) and other interested committee members before the

June mtg to make progress on identifying a limited set of metrics that could address the objective of tracking key aspects pertinent to this MHADDAC and the community at large. King took the action item to convene folks for this purpose prior to the June mtg.

V. Measure 110 update

- A huge movement around the behavioral health network has occurred.
- Letters and intent to contact has been made by OHA with Family Recovery, Inc, Familytree Relief Nursery, Pathfinder Clubhouse, Corvallis Housing First, CHANCE, and Benton County
- Benton County has been awarded \$3,451,909.83 specifically for these services for this biennium.

VI. Proposed topics for June:

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- JSIP- inclusive of current status of CORE in preparation for the bond measure
- Behavioral health court
- Performance metrics report out by MHADDAC subcommittee
- Measure 110 update
- MHADDAC subcommittee

Adjourned at 6:34pm by Scottaline