

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities
Advisory Committee
(MHADDAC)
June 7th , 2022
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

Present: Diane Scottaline, Kevin Dimmick, Katrina Shortridge, Cody Gotchall, John Gotchall, Rita Sawyer, Laura King, Kara Daley, Mal Miner
Staff: Dani McCallister, Ashley Talamantes, Xan Augerot, Ricky Garcia, Jasper Smith, Nick Kurth
Guests: Joel Goodwin, Brenda Downum
Excused: Elizabeth Hazelwood, Nick Kurth

I. Call to Order and introductions

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

II. Approval of May minutes

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

III. Community Feedback and Announcements

- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) occurred on 05/23. C. and J. Gotchall presented to Albany and Corvallis Police Departments to introduce the CommCard program to those agencies. C. Gotchall also had an opportunity to provide feedback to officers in the training on interactions with individuals with disabilities. There were national and local instructors present and Corvallis was one of three locations selected in the US for this training, which trains law enforcement to be more adequately trained on interacting with people from the mental health and I/DD communities.
- The DD program is hiring for all different positions at this time. The DD system is as well, on a larger scale. The workforce challenge continues as finding people to fill positions is difficult as the need for individuals being served expands. These jobs include in home support, job coaches and development, case management, mental health therapists, group home staff, etc.
- Motivational interviewing techniques are very effective and valuable in everyday communication, but especially with the populations of focus within this community.

IV. Legislative updates

- An investment into the provider system for DD will be made starting next month to the rate structure to help stabilize and secure better wages and support for programs.

- Healthier Oregon is a Medicaid type of support for everyone regardless of citizenship status. It will be made available for people ages 19 to 25, as well as 55+. The hope is to make it more universal in the future. For now, the rollout process is not clear but it may become more clear as it rolls out more widely in the future.
- The financial picture so far has been good, they are trying to expand services to meet the need that is present.

V. JSIP updates

- Nick is going to be recruiting for a position that will last for 1 year, to help support the work GOBHI has done to look at the justice system and may help coordinate metrics between GOBHI and MHADDAC.
- The first round of community polling data came back but the information is unable to be shared yet other than to say there is strong support in the community for BH and justice resources and facilities. The package for these services will be honed to match the support that was expressed. The official results will be shared at the commissioners meeting next Tuesday.
- The engagement package for this project is in consideration now and part of that will likely include a virtual tour.
- Downum is working with Coast line to develop a communications plan that will be reaching out to the community in many ways.
- Next May will not just bring a bond measure related to JSIP.
- By the end of this month, a website is planned to launch about JSIP
- The latter part of the summer is slated for increased community engagement, which MHADDAC will be involved in.

VI. Behavioral Health Court

- J. Gotchall spoke about the BH court in Yamhill County, which he visited recently and believes that it would be a good system for BC to adopt.
- BH court is a diversion court, which requires adherence to certain rules, such as UAs related to SUD and celebrates when they succeed.
- Commissioner Augerot explained that the existing Drug Treatment Court census has dropped since the implementation of Measure 110. She explained that the state does not pay for any of the coordinators to run these specialty courts, and many people would have to vote on and agree to implement BH court.
- Staffing already being an issue is a factor in the consideration of this court and it would need a lot of thoughtful and extensive discussion around it before any preparation or planning could even occur.
- Some of the lower level offenders are working with the municipal court judge in a model that is similar to BH court already. This applies to individuals where factors other than criminal behavior are present, to track progress and ensure that they are engaged.

VII. MHADDAC subcommittee

- The subcommittee was created with the focus of metrics as they apply to how the County is able to meet the needs of the individuals in the populations of focus by MHADDAC.
- Utilizing existing metrics rather than creating new ones was discussed.
- MH is the current and only metric focus, but DD and addiction will likely be folded into the future metrics.
- The goal is to have some suggestions to make to the commissioners on behalf of MHADDAC in August.

VIII. Measure 110 update

- There have been very few people that have been cited due to the decriminalization element of the measure. It doesn't appear that treatment related to the needs of the individuals struggling with SUD are being able to be met as robustly as expected.
- WCJC has been discussing the effect of the decriminalization in the community and resources in the community. The decriminalization began first without systems in place so very few people have gotten the assessments needed to get the help needed for substance use. There have been lots of funds put towards harm reduction, however, that applies to BC's harm reduction team as well as local nonprofits. There were a couple entity that did not get funded that were key, such as Samaritan's team that does outreach.
- This measure implementation is a work in progress.
- There are some conversations with legislatures about undoing some of the measure 110 system.
- On the law enforcement side, local LEA is seeing more driving while intoxicated- not just with alcohol but other substances as well.

IX. Membership

- Scottaline's term expires at the end of June. She expressed interest in continuing as chair until January when a new term opens. The committee was in unanimous agreement of this.

Proposed topics for July:

- Community Feedback / Announcements

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Scottaline