

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Cody Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Diane Scottaline, Kevin Dimmick, John Gotchall, Mal Miner, Laura King

Staff: Dani McCallister, Jasper Smith, Nick Kurth, Xan Augerot

Guests: Brian Summers

Excused: Ashley Talamantes, Ricky Garcia

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

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

**II. Approval of June minutes**

A motion was made to approve June minutes with one specific correction and the committee unanimously agreed to accept them as corrected.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- To keep the committee abreast of Behavioral Health position openings, the committee voted in favor of a motion to have management from BCBH (or someone in their place) reviewing these as a standing item each month moving forward. The eight current BH job openings were briefly reviewed today.
- It continues to be a widespread struggle to recruit professionals in the mental health care system across the country. In all counties (including Benton), funds have been secured via HB4004 for the purpose of retention and recruiting bonuses that are required to be used before the close of 2022. The Board of Commissioners are awaiting a plan from Behavioral Health management outlining how to spend these dollars.
- The recruiting and hiring process for the County was discussed, as well as the unique struggles in hiring people in Behavioral Health right now.
- Hazelwood reported a delay in 3-6 months for BH assessments after discharge from inpatient treatment. Talamantes and Garcia were not present to speak to the wider view of this situation and how to resolve the delay in services, and it will be revisited when they are in attendance.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> is when the 988 line for mental health emergencies goes live.
- Current crisis services at Benton County are available in the form of walk in counselor of the day at the Health Department Building, texting OREGON to the crisis line at 741741, or calling the crisis line at 888-232-7192.

**IV. Legislative updates**

- July is when the significant investment in the provider system to increase rates to residential and vocational services goes into effect. Rate structure is changing in

several categories and across the system about \$200 million have been increased.

- Coverage regardless of citizenship for case management and medical and long term care is beginning on a smaller scale this year but hopefully more widely next year.
- There is still some ARPA money remaining. The first round was allocated and two more rounds will be coming up. Some funds for the Office of Disabilities Services are available, as well as possibly BH.

## **V. JSIP updates**

- JSIP executive committee met today. Kurth shared a list of community and staff members that will provide input on the design process related to the crisis center.
- A new website will be up and running this month.
- Public engagement and outreach plan for the fall has been reviewed, and a communications plan is expected by the end of the month.
- A survey in follow up to the first one will be occurring later this month.
- Commissioners are meeting later this month to begin deliberating on a preliminary facilities package to narrow some of the choices, to guide public engagement.
- There is an objective to expand the ambassadors of JSIP internally to half a dozen, as well as about the same amount within the community.
- There will be a mental health forum in September related to JSIP and follow that up with a safety and operations forum in October. These will be all about outcomes.
- 75% of the people recently polled knew about JSIP because of the outreach that had been done.

## **VI. Training resources**

- A centralized location for training resources pertinent to this committee was again discussed. At this time there is not one.
- Workday learning portal was discussed but it was clarified by Smith that this is an internal site utilized by government employees only.
- Oregon Family Support Network continues to be a hub for resources, as well as FACT Oregon and The Arc of Oregon.
- There is a four part series about the American Disabilities Act that's sponsored by Oregon DHS available for viewing.
- The County shares resources on social media when there are opportunities available.
- The committee would like a page on the County website that centralizes resources in our community.

## **VII. MHADDAC subcommittee**

- King feels it would be beneficial to meet again.
- The last meeting provided a great deal of feedback.

## **VIII. MHADDAC advisory communication to commissioners**

- Commissioner Augerot explained that metrics are important, as is getting feedback on what is working as well as what is not.
- The bylaws for this committee have not been updated for some time and it was agreed by committee members and Augerot that it is worth taking a look at them.
- Augerot has attended or been an advisor to several advisory committees and they all operate differently. However, the most functional are those with chairs and/or co-chairs that meet ahead of time with the primary point person to come up with a meaningful agenda. MHADDAC has historically established the upcoming agenda at the end of each meeting and Hazelwood shared that she felt this may be a valuable use of time at the end of each meeting.
- Augerot also suggested that training on how advisory committees function would be valuable.

**Proposed topics for August:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Communication plan

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Scottaline