

MHADDAC

Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

April 4, 2023 3 p.m.-4:15 p.m. | Virtual Meeting via Teams

In Attendance

Present: Diane Scottaline, John Gotchall, Cody Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Laura King, Rita Sawyer

Staff: Jasper Smith, Commissioner Xan Augerot, Damien Sands, Mandi Ropp, Ricky Garcia

Excused: Kevin Dimmick,

Unexcused: K. Beard, Kat Logan, Mal Miner, Katrina Shortridge

Guests: Gabe & Joe-guests from Pathfinders

Call to Order and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 3 pm by Chair Scottaline.

Approval of Minutes

Do not have a quorum

Community Feedback & Announcements

- Benton County Behavioral Health State Onsite 4/11/23 at 215pm at the Health Services Building
MHADDAC Members asked to attend
- City of Corvallis put a call out for their community development block grants, projects related to low or extremely low income programs
- The Arc Developmental Disabilities awareness event in March had a good turn out despite the weather. Representation from Corvallis Police Department, Benton County Sheriff's Office and campus police were in attendance
- Pathfinders, Corvallis Daytime Drop In Center, and Corvallis Housing First had the opportunity to meet with the governor and give feedback around measure 110, housing and behavioral health
- John Gotchall talked about SB 581 gives the people that are performing well on parole or probation to get off early. Also shared about HB 2650 - Establishes requirements for work groups and task forces established by statute or member of Legislative Assembly.

Business

- Review of the bylaws and membership for the next meeting
- Committee members will attend the county Advisory Committee Training & Orientation on May 4, 2023
- Jasper Smith talked about DD's relocation, and being co located with Dial-A-Bus, has made accessibility alright, as they are located out further now instead of in "town". Chair Scottaline asked if they would be increasing their services, Smith responded that its not really about funding its about workforce, having drivers to provide those services. Commissioner Augerot confirmed it is definitely a hiring issues. Smith continued that transportation in complicated in general.

Standing Agenda Items

- Measure 110- Commissioner Augerot

- Work group has concluded, had a focus on improving the funding situation for the behavioral health resource networks. Everyone at the table felt we needed to give the new measure 110 system a chance to see whether the behavioral health resource network makes a difference in terms of reducing the number of people that end up incarcerated because of substance use and mental health. There is still a lot of work to be done.
- Crisis Center
 - Director Sands - Starting to recruit for the statewide Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) program. It will be hard to fill the QMHP positions, but confident in getting the QMHA and Peer positions filled. MRSS requires a 2 person response to children in crisis. There are a lot of issues to work out in terms of standing this program up that were not taken into consideration ie: staffing, funding, rural areas, etc.
 - Ricky Garcia confirmed that the design phase for the crisis center is complete, the lot consolidation was approved. County is still waiting on a couple of building permits to be approved so all the ducks are in a row. We will be able to share more firmer dates on the timeline once the permits are all approved, also have to meet city of Corvallis requirements for new building structures. Keep in mind once the digging starts, anything that could be considered historical that is found could hold up the process, we do have an archaeologist on contract and a discovery plan in place should that happen. Still on track for summer 2024 completion.
 - Update on Crisis Services location change. Starting April 26th counselor of the day services will be moving to the Humphrey Hoyer Building across from the transit center. This is a huge move as COD services have been offered out of the Health Services Building for over 10 years. This move includes staff from our daytime crisis response and forensic team. This move is to help transition those services downtown, to prepare our community members for the opening of the crisis center next summer where these same services will be accessed. This temporary location is not being referred to as the Crisis Center, we are calling it Counselor of the Day services because it is only open during business hours, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, closed on county recognized holidays.
 - Chair Scottaline asked about staffing for counselor of the day services. Ricky Garcia explained we are short staffed, we have 2 vacant positions and one person on leave, so the ACT, children's and outpatient team has been helping cover. These vacancies are just our regular staffing, they are not crisis center positions.
- Staffing
 - Laura King expressed concern for spending money on buildings but not having the staffing. Director Sands responded that this is a systemic issue across the state, not just in Benton County. That creative solutions and short term option ideas are welcome. Housing is definitely part of the issue, you have a young person who's just graduated with a master's degree, student loan debt, etc. It is competitive out there, some other agencies are able to offer a higher salary range, we are limited by what we can offer at times, depending on experience, licensure, etc. Commissioner Augerot added that this is a tough topic and getting creative is what is going to help and there are some plans out there but they are not quick fixes and will take time.
 - Elizabeth Hazlewood asked about looking at professional experience as direct equivalents to education, as they do in Tennessee. The CCO is looking for variances, but the federal level for requirements is very rigid.
- House Bill 5202- Damien Sands
 - In the budgeting process
 - Should have an update after the July session
- CORE Update- no updates regarding hiring second position.

- DD blind spot in criminal justice
 - John Gotchall attended a nation webinar talking about the ADA injustice in jails and prisons. Our courts are looking away from DD Service definitions and towards the ADA, but the Oregon Judicial Branch is not.
 - Chair Scottaline touched on the criminal justice advocacy program The Arc is piloting. A person recently who is not yet entangled with the criminal justice system but is at risk. The program tried to engage with those folks and get them supports the need to prevent that from happening.

Wrap Up, Topics for Next Meeting

- Looking forward to new Pathfinder members joining us in July

Adjourn

- Chair Scottaline adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

June 6, 2023 3 p.m.-4:15 p.m., Virtual via Teams