

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
January 5, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Amy Young, John Gotchall, Cody Gotchall, Bryant Seton, Shelley Ackermann, Mal Miner, Tom Giles, Elizabeth Hazelwood

Staff: Dani Martin (recorder), Kacy Giles, Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests:

Excused: Helen Cunha

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by Chair Young

**II. Approval of December 2020 minutes**

Ackermann motioned approval and Seton seconded motion. T.Giles abstained from voting due to absence last meeting. Committee unanimously agreed to approve minutes as recorded.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- OSU is having ADA30 celebratory symposium.
- Effective yesterday, the County has taken over Drug Treatment Court program and are working toward transitioning into the building downtown that Milestones was using.
- Budget planning is in process at this time, it will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in late spring.
- Behavioral Health has still not gotten their OHA contract for 2021 yet, expecting it to arrive next week. Contract period has changed from fiscal to calendar year. There are not substantial changes to funding levels expected.
- County has openings in client service representative currently and will also be posting for a male UA monitor. In the next 6 months, will also need to post for a new CADDC counselor. The manager of the DTC program is currently working as the QMHP for that program as well, so the QMHP position will also need to be filled.
- J. Gotchall will be presenting to DD staff and providers about POLST forms and Advanced Directives, and the rights people have when they access medical care.

- Health Department staff are encouraged but not required to take the COVID-19 vaccine. Due to privacy reasons, clients cannot be made aware of the vaccination status of their staff by the County. Staff are required to wear PPE appropriately, however, and it's likely that in congregate housing settings that PPE wear will continue even once the vaccine becomes more widely available.
- The City approved a managed camp at Pioneer Park. They are in the process of setting that up with multiple community partners to address the homelessness issue within Benton County.
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#### **IV. Legislative Update**

- The emergency session in December resulted in additional turnkey funding was secured for non-congregate shelters in non-fire affected counties, as this funding was originally available for fire-affected counties. Benton County has applied for this funding and has not heard a response yet. They are hoping this will go toward purchasing a hotel for a non-congregate shelter to help individuals experiencing homelessness in the community to help decrease the risk of COVID-19.
- The eviction moratorium was extended again.
- The Governor's proposed budget did not include any major cuts for DD services and did introduce a new rate structure.
- The State did get substantial matching from Medicaid during the pandemic period, which has been very helpful.
- For Behavioral Health there are a lot of policy option packages that are trying to be pushed through. The County is hoping that a parity law that requires all insurance companies to fund BH at the same level as Medicaid will be passed.
- DD expects a proposal for a supported decision making bill. This is an alternative to guardianship for individuals

#### **V. Measure 110**

- Benton County has not yet implemented this measure.
- The County had a meeting yesterday with Rep. Rayfield to discuss the challenges that will come out of Measure 110 regarding how to implement it. There is concern about unintended consequence related to decriminalizing substances due to the short amount of planning in the process for the measure. There will be policy and financial impact boards related to this measure.
- There is not a known community feedback forum scheduled for this topic, but it's expected that one will occur.

#### **V. DD-ADA Checklist presentation**

- The committee revisited the suggestion of adopting a checklist to ensure that ADA accommodations are being met for individuals with developmental and other disabilities, as discussed last meeting.

- It was agreed that this process could be followed for addictions and mental health. J. Gotchall is suggesting starting with DD first, and eventually making it available for broader use with the other populations specific to this committee.
- The hospital here uses a similar checklist in patient care and it is efficient and effective.

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#### **VI. MHADDAC bylaws revisions**

- Committee function was reviewed in detail during this meeting.

#### **VII. Proposed topics for February 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements.
- Legislative updates.
- Checklist recommendation to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners, led by J. Gotchall
- Measure 110 update
- Continue bylaws revisions
- Criminal Justice Improvement Project update by Nick Kurth

Adjourned at 6:30 pm by Young.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
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February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
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Present: Amy Young, John Gotchall, Cody Gotchall, Shelley Ackermann, Tom Giles, Mal Miner, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Bryant Seton, Diane Scottaline, Helen Cunha

Staff: Dani Martin (recorder), Kacy Giles, Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests: Nick Kurth

Excused:

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Chair Young

**II. Approval of January 2021 minutes**

T. Giles motioned approval and Ackermann seconded motion. Committee unanimously agreed to approve minutes as recorded.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- The Health Department is doing mass vaccination clinics. They are still vaccinating group 1A and are partnering with OSU and Samaritan. For any information on this, there is a list-serve that will continue to be updated. This is located on the Benton County COVID-19 website, as well as their social media accounts.
- Linn, Lincoln, and Benton counties have been working together at the vaccination events to serve anyone from or within those counties.
- There was an outbreak of COVID-19 in Multnomah County jail and there is concern over individuals here that are incarcerated and making sure they are also being cared after during this pandemic.
- There is a survey through the Benton County COVID-19 website that will allow individuals to complete it and therefore be contacted when they qualify for the vaccine if they are in a high risk population. There is also a call center where information on this can also be obtained.
- It continues to be a challenge to provide vaccines to everyone who needs them at this time. All those that have been obtained right now have been allocated for educators or childcare providers.

- The County is working with their Health Equity staff to ensure that everyone is being reached with information on vaccinations. The BIPOC community may be moved to the 1B priority group.
- Rice's pharmacy is doing house calls to vulnerable individuals to provide vaccinations, on a small scale.
- Last week, several community providers responded to the needs of a mother and child who were in emergent need of housing and within the day, they were provided all the resources they needed to be safe.

#### **IV. Criminal Justice Improvement Project**

- The vision of the CJIP is to maintain public safety, hold people accountable, while providing treatment opportunities that address underlying causes of criminal behavior.
- This project will have existed for 10 years from its inception, if a bond measure is able to be passed that begins in May of 2022 and extends to 2027.
- Historically there were three bond measures to fund a new jail that did not pass.
- They are currently in the predesign process, which will last through 2022. A consulting firm called DLR is helping with this.
- There are two advisory committees for this project that are meeting monthly.
- In addition to an actual correctional facility, Kurth is advocating for the following to be included in the bond: pretrial services, crisis resource center, enhanced crisis response, data, evaluation, and metrics, and DD blind spot awareness training.
- The target bond amount for this project is about \$100 million, which is about a \$200 bump in property taxes for the average home owner in Benton County.
- Property options are being explored currently, with letters of intent to property owners, etc. Locations in north, central business district, and south of Corvallis are included in these options.
- For the facility, there are models for suburban, urban (multi-story), or a blended model of the two.

#### **V. DD-ADA Checklist presentation**

- The committee revisited the suggestion of adopting a checklist to ensure that ADA accommodations are being met for individuals with developmental and other disabilities, as discussed last meeting. A simplified and expanded version were presented and reviewed. The proposed checklist includes a built in resource and reference page for when accommodations are not being met.
- The history, funding, mandate, purpose, and power of ADA as an anti-discrimination/civil rights law were also presented by J. Gotchall.
- No mention of DD individuals in the 2019 Criminal Justice assessment, 2020 Criminal Justice Bias Subcommittee, and 2021 Interim Sherriff interviews was highlighted as a blind spot in this presentation as well.
- It was agreed that this process could be followed for addictions and mental health populations as well. J. Gotchall is suggesting starting with DD first, and

eventually making it available for broader use with the other populations specific to this committee.

- The hospital here uses a similar checklist in patient care and it is reported to be efficient and effective.
- J. Gotchall motioned that the MHADDAC committee and the commissioners use this checklist for a 3 month pilot. Brown suggested presenting this to the board of commissioners for their use.
- Committee motioned, seconded, and unanimously voted to accept the use of the ADA checklist during meetings moving forward.

## **VI. Legislative updates**

- The way people will be testifying and giving input to the legislature this session will be different for the purposes of COVID-19 precautions, as well as heightened security.
- Governor Brown's recommended budget was released and was favorable toward DD without cuts, but also not many new investments either. It does include a new rate structure, however, which is individualized.
- There is a push to have a supported decision making bill included in this session, which is in some ways providing an alternative to guardianship for individuals that need that support.
- There are some bills for MH that are focused on supported housing and mobile crisis response that have been proposed for this session.
- A MH parity law to require providers to pay for MH services regardless of client's insurance coverage has been a big push as well.

## **VII. Measure 110**

- Benton County has not yet implemented this measure, but it legally went into effect on February 1.
- The County had a meeting yesterday with Rep. Rayfield to discuss the challenges that will come out of Measure 110 regarding how to implement it. There is concern about unintended consequence related to decriminalizing substances due to the short amount of planning in the process for the measure. There will be policy and financial impact boards related to this measure.
- There is not a known community feedback forum scheduled for this topic, but it's expected that one will occur.

**VIII. Proposed topics for March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements.
- Legislative updates.
- Checklist recommendation to be submitted to the Board of Commissioners, led by J. Gotchall
- Measure 110 update
- Continue bylaws revisions

Adjourned at 6:26 pm by Young.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
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March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Amy Young, John Gotchall, Cody Gotchall, Shelley Ackermann, Tom Giles, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Diane Scottaline, Helen Cunha, Bryant Seton, Mal Miner

Staff: Kacy Giles, Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests: Lennox Archer

Excused: Dani Martin (recorder)

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm by Chair Young

**II. Approval of February 2021 minutes**

J. Gotchall motioned approval and Cunha seconded motion. Committee unanimously agreed to approve minutes as recorded.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- OHA released their new Health Improvement Plan
- Benton County has opened up some volunteer slots for vaccine clinics. If anyone is interested, there is information on the County website.
- March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and has been since 1987.
- Home Life is doing the Sprout Film Festival again this year and are encouraging people to attend, as it is virtual this year on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- March 21<sup>st</sup> is World Down Syndrome Day and the theme is “I Decide” which is focused on self-determination.
- Benton County’s COVID-19 cases are mostly in ages 20-29 and many are related to OSU, which is testing in high volumes. This has been the greatest challenge, as there is an understanding that COVID doesn’t affect this age group as severely as others, so they tend to be less careful in socializing. The Commisioners are looking for an exception in how COVID numbers are calculated as a result of this. At this time, it is expected that the county risk level will drop from extreme to high, which would allow for restaurants to have limited ability to open.



- The County risk levels affect people's ability to visit long-term care facilities and DD is monitoring that since going down a risk level may allow loved ones to visit the homes.
- Approximately 6,000 vaccinations have been given in Benton County since the clinics began in February.
- Texas has opened up all the way and Mississippi and Alabama are also opening without COVID precautions such as masks.
- In Benton County about 28% of the healthcare providers have declined the vaccine. In Linn County, that number is up to 50% in certain areas.
- There is a liaison group in the Emergency Operation Center for the County that is doing outreach by phone to elderly individuals that may need resources or information on COVID-19 and helping schedule vaccines as needed during those calls.
- There was a report on NBC news last night that discusses the lingering of effects of having COVID-19 in those with few or minimal symptoms. It compared brain functioning in those with and without and found a difference in those who have had COVID-19.
- The County has been working on helping homeless individuals stay in a motel if they wish to, during COVID-19.
- Individuals experiencing homelessness have not yet been provided a way to get vaccinated, but there is a group at the Emergency Operation Center that is making plans for this outreach, which includes partnering with the social services agencies that are already familiar with and serving those individuals to increase comfort in those who may wish to get a vaccine.
- Benton County BH is continuing to recruit for staff to work in the newly developing Outpatient Children's Mental Health program.
- Benton County is also continuing to develop the crisis program in such a way that there are staff that can respond with law enforcement on mental health crisis calls, to decrease the amount of individuals ending up in the jail and hospital unnecessarily. This will be including a clinician who is able to differentiate I/DD and MH needs and make appropriate LEA recommendations accordingly. CPD and the Sheriff's Department are very involved in this developing process with the County.
- Benton County I/DD program is coordinating vaccine efforts as well. There is a group of 16-17 year olds that have been waiting on the Pfizer vaccine. There are also a few individuals that need in home administration of the vaccine, which is a little more difficult to arrange but they are working on it. Their department has not experienced as high of a rate of vaccine hesitancy among staff as other counties or departments have reported and most clients have chosen to get vaccinated.
- There is a member of the CDC that has been working in the Emergency Operation Center that specializes in vaccine confidence and has been focusing on media around helping people become more confident in getting the COVID-19 vaccine, especially for individuals in BIPOC communities.

- The EOC is planning to do vaccine clinics in Alsea and Monroe to increase availability to these rural areas. They are planning these for the end of March or beginning of April, depending on availability of the vaccine.

#### **IV. Legislative updates**

- Supported Decision Making Bill is going to be exclusive to I/DD rather than applying to APD and mental health as well.
- Historically, the state has not released information on names and addresses of individuals in group homes and foster homes. There is now a bill to limit public disclosure of home address information belonging to these individuals and it sounds like there will be the ability to limit this disclosure.
- HB 2980 summary was released by Disability Rights Oregon.
- OPHA has a legislative advocacy arm that sends out updates periodically. HB 2980 is not one of the bills they are following at this time, but they do have a list of those they are following on their site and mailing list. HB 2337 was been closely followed by them and it has since been cancelled.
- Mental Health is advocating for HB2417 which directly relates to mobile crisis funding. If it goes through, it could provide substantial funding to help the counties develop programs that would provide these services. It also will include language and funding around kahoots programs, especially for the larger counties and may not be a good fit for the smaller counties. Kahoots programs don't have I/DD populations included in their language of individuals served.

#### **V. Measure 110**

- Benton County has not yet implemented this measure, but it legally went into effect on February 1.
- There is a local group of a series of providers to help problem solve around this measure and prepare for the addiction and recovery centers that are supposed to be funded by the marijuana tax dollars.
- There is also a state level committee that a member of the Benton County Harm Reduction Team has been appointed to. They have only met once thus far. This is the group that will plan for the assessment centers, as well as the coordination between these centers and the service providers.

#### **VI. DD-ADA Checklist presentation**

- The checklist created can be completed electronically, or printed and used as a hard copy.
- J. Gotchall sent out a simplified as well as expanded version of this checklist to be used to create awareness of including individuals with disabilities and being sure they are served appropriately and provided necessary accommodations per the ADA.

- There is a list of the individuals who have officially endorsed the use of this checklist, as well as how it fits into county and statewide policy goals that he provided.
- Ackermann motioned and T. Giles seconded motion to submit to the Commissioners for approval to use this checklist officially in this committee. Members unanimously voted in favor of this motion.
- The committee agreed they would like to have J. Gotchall present the proposed checklist to the Board of Commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

**VII. Proposed topics for April 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements.
- Legislative updates.
- Measure 110 update
- Pathfinder Clubhouse member presentation
- Vocational Rehab representative, regarding how COVID has affected job development. T. Giles or Jasper will reach out to their contacts there.

Adjourned at 6:25 pm by Young.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
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April 6, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Amy Young, Bryant Seton, Helen Cunha, Shelley Ackermann, John Gotchall, Cody Gotchall, Diane Scottaline, Elizabeth Hazelwood

Staff: Jasper Smith, Dannielle Brown, Dani Martin

Guests: Teresa Ruderman, Owen, Stephanie, Kim

Excused: Tom Giles, Mal Miner

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by Chair Young.

**II. Approval of March minutes**

- J. Gotchall motioned and Hazelwood seconded motion to accept minutes. Committee unanimously voted to accept March minutes as written.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- It's National Public Health week.
- Oregon Extension Service is providing the coast to forest promotion for mental health
- Vaccine clinics have continued to expand as the available supply has increased. There have been more than 30,000 vaccines administered through the mass vaccine clinics at Reser Stadium.
- Temple Grandin is doing a free presentation for Autism Awareness Month tomorrow at 6pm. More info is available on Facebook.
- More individuals have become eligible to get vaccinated recently. There have been special vaccine clinics completed for individuals that have specific needs such as in home, or under 18 years of age. The Public Health RNs with the count are working on providing vaccines to houseless and other vulnerable individuals in the community. The EOC for the County continues to work on targeted outreach to those who may not receive information on the vaccine through traditional channels.

#### **IV. Vocational Rehabilitation presentation**

- Voc Rehab continues to work with clients and has done so throughout COVID-19. Initially they were working virtually only but have been able to transition back to in-person by appointment.
- Some individuals had their cases closed to Voc Rehab during this time for health safety reasons, on a case-by-case basis. In other instances, cases were put on hold temporarily.
- Four counselors are on staff with Voc Rehab at this time, working partially from home.
- Individuals being served in this program continue to get jobs and there have been some steady employment positions obtained recently by clients.
- They continue to be closed to the public for now.
- The best source of information for Voc Rehab is the State Library of Oregon online.
- Voc Rehab works closely with the County's Supported Employment where they support shared clients.

#### **VI. Pathfinder Clubhouse presentation**

- They provide evidence based non-clinical mental health services to address barriers to employment, socialization, wellness, transportation, education, self-sufficiency, housing, and financial stability.
- Serving Linn, Lane, Lincoln, and Benton counties at this time.
- There are clubhouses internationally providing similar services.
- Clubhouses have been proven to reduce mental health related hospitalizations by up to 96%.
- For 2020 there were 45 members at Pathfinder and 37 community partnerships.
- Referrals are completed via fax and followed up with a clubhouse tour and orientation for new members.

#### **VII. Proposed topics for May 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements.
- Legislative updates.
- Mental health awareness month declaration

Adjourned at 6:25 pm by Young.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Tom Giles, Bryant Seton, Amy Young, John Gotchall, Shelley Ackermann,  
Cody Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood

Staff: Dani Martin, Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests: Kacy Giles

Excused: Dianne Scottaline, Helen Cunha, Mal Miner

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by Chair Young.

**II. Approval of April minutes**

- J. Gotchall motioned and Seton seconded motion to accept minutes. Committee unanimously voted to accept April minutes as written.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- OHA is releasing some information about the 9-8-8 emergency line which would be used for MH crises rather than a crisis line or 9-1-1. There will be two work groups (lived experience and equity) to guide the process of establishing this number. Amy is forwarding what information she has received. At this time, Lines for Life will be the responding agency to calls.
- ADA 38 year celebration symposium is occurring with OSU at this time. Amy will provide registration information in the chat tonight.
- OSU will be requiring COVID-19 vaccines for staff and students attending in the fall.
- OSU's Gerontology Program did a survey during COVID-19 last year regarding the elderly population during the pandemic. Tom will provide this information to Dani to distribute.
- Pathfinder Clubhouse is celebrating Mental Health Awareness month with a table at the Wednesday market.
- The County is working on developing a crisis respite program and is in the process of obtaining funding through the American Rescue Plan. This would be an adjunct program for anyone in psychiatric crisis that doesn't qualify for

admission to the inpatient unit. The goal is to launch this around mid year in 2022.

- The County is also working with the LEA partners at Corvallis Police Department for a crisis co-response model. This is a co-response with a QMHP and a CPD officer responding to a MH call in the community and avoid them being taken to jail or the hospital unless absolutely necessary. The goal is for this project to be running by summer this year.
- Today was warning day at the state. Friday, Benton County will be moved to extreme risk category for COVID-19 precautions.
- There is indication that the Pfizer will be approved for 12-15 years as early as next week. Schools have indicated they're willing to be vaccination sites.
- Benton County has one of the highest rates of caregivers and the individuals they care for in the community being vaccinated. People with disabilities have one of the highest rates of acceptance of the vaccine.
- Last week Katherine White passed away. She was instrumental in many important topics that involved advocacy and self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities.
- The possibility of mandatory vaccinations were discussed. Some agencies have exercised the right to require their staff to be vaccinated, such as OSU.
- The County Emergency Operation Center had a staff member that developed a vaccine confidence plan that has been rolled out to help community members become more comfortable with taking the vaccine.
- Health Services and Health Department budget hearings are this coming Friday. These are public and anyone that is interested in attending is welcome. Dannielle will provide the link and share it.

#### **IV. Legislative Update**

- The bill to limit disclosure of facility, group, and foster homes, is getting passed.
- Rate structure changes for DD providers and the ongoing funding of the system are big topics as well.
- There is not talk of significant cuts for DD at this time.
- SB2417 has language for crisis response, but the original bill required more extensive resources than are present in Benton County so if it remains that will be a challenge in the bill moving forward, being implemented here.
- The Director's Association is concerned about payment disparity and are hoping some changes get pushed through.
- The 9-8-8 bill is another that is being watched closely by the BH community.
- SB1606 centered around advanced care planning, POLST, etc. Benton County is headed toward a pilot project where people have case workers that help with these documents and decisions, using a 1 page form.

#### **V. Measure 110**

- Became effective in February.

- There was a grant for the 2021 fiscal year designed to develop community wide resources such as evaluation centers, peer support, etc. There was a collaborative effort for the first part of this funding and as a such, the grants coming in moving forward may be more ample.
- Benton County has done more citations for drug possession than almost any other County since this measure was implemented.

**VI. Mental Health Awareness Month declaration**

- May is Mental Health Awareness Month
- One of the members of Pathfinder Clubhouse may be interested in reading the declaration as an advocate or ally.

**VII. Presentation to BOC about ADA checklist implementation**

- T.Giles and J.Gotchall will be presenting their proposal to the Board of Commissioners about the ADA checklist implementation on 05/25.

**VII. Proposed topics for June 1<sup>st</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Developmental Disabilities month declaration
- Benton County Harm Reduction Team check in/discussion

Adjourned at 6:28 pm by Young.



**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
June 1, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Mal Miner, Cody Gotchall, Helen Cunha, Diane Scottaline, John Gotchall,  
Shelley Ackermann, Bryant Seton

Staff: Dani Martin, Jasper Smith

Guests: Blue Valentine

Excused: Dannielle Brown, Shelley Ackermann, Amy Young, Elizabeth Hazelwood

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by Co-chair Seton.

**II. Approval of May minutes**

- Scottaline motioned and Cunha seconded motion to accept minutes. Committee unanimously voted to accept May minutes as written.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- Children's outpatient MH program with the county has been launched and is now receiving referrals.
- Office Anderson asked The Arc to participate in 2 hours of CIT training next month.
- Presentation to the commissioners regarding the ADA checklist went well and they agreed to trial it.
- This may be Ackermann's last meeting, as she is moving out of the area.

**IV. Legislative Update**

- The revenue forecast came in about a billion dollars higher than expected for the next biennium, as well as the forecast of the one to follow.
- States getting a 10% max match for Medicaid is also being addressed by the legislature.

**V. Measure 110**

- A little over \$8 million in funding that has been approved for organizations throughout the state, in areas around peer support, housing, including recovery housing, harm reduction, and low barrier housing, employment

- supports, as they are related to people, with a history of substance use and also programs that do outpatient and inpatient treatment and detox services.
- There will be another round of funding coming up towards the end of the year this year that will cover fiscal year, 2021 through 2023.
  - Programs have yet to be developed to carry out the purpose of this measure thus far. J. Gotchall motioned to approach the commissioners about how we would like for this measure to look in this area, in practice.

## **VI. Benton County Harm Reduction team update, provided by Blue Valentine**

- Doing outreach to individuals living outside.
- Recently camp areas have begun to be cleared out by law enforcement and the team notifies people living there with as much notice as possible. COVID-19 put a pause on these moves for a while but they are recurring.
- The team also is doing distribution of Narcan for clients and service providers that want them. Additionally, they train on how to respond to an overdose for community providers such as the shelters, drop-in center, the clubhouse, etc. They have had 119 reports of overdose reversals in mostly Linn and Benton counties. Over 100 of those cases were addressed without contacting 911, although in the training the team provides it is encouraged to call 911 if they witness an overdose.
- The data collected is kept in case of a cluster or group of overdoses, as well as to educate clients. It is also helpful in securing grant funding and working with other organizations to help them understand the overdoses in this area.
- Right now a lot of the drug supply is contaminated with Fentanyl and there are drugs that are made to look like Rx drugs and are instead pressed with Fentanyl as well, which is a very fatal drug even in small amounts.
- Needle exchange program continues to be active in Benton County. Because Linn County doesn't have one, many people come from there to participate in the program here. This can include syringes used for diabetes as well. Drop boxes are behind Jackson Street Youth Services, at the Community Health Center, and in smaller receptacles in locations along the riverfront. For 2021, one team member has so far taken in 35,000 needles and given out about 32,000 and about 50 different encounters. This service is sometimes completed at the Sunset building on Research Way as well.
- Valentine works with a task force that is throughout Oregon and Idaho that focuses on drug trafficking and what types of drugs are seized. Because of Measure 110, less seizures of low level drug sales have decreased. She will be working with the individual who does death investigations in our area to see how many are drug related and what can be done to prevent more.
- There is a link between childhood trauma and substance use and the more types of trauma an individual experiences, the higher the chance of them using drugs will be in their lifetime.

- There is a lot of stigma that remains around substance use, and being able to speak about it in a way that reduces the stigma is important. Measure 110 is hopefully going to help reduce some of the stigma around it.
- Linn county has a robust program to help provide supports to individuals who are seen for substance use related medical concerns and Valentine would like to create kits to send home with these individuals so that if they go home and choose to use, they will have tools to keep them alive and prevent an overdose. Hospital/ED discharge is a good opportunity for intervention in the way of offering services.
- Providing as many services as possible when individuals choose treatment is important, while they are ready to take the step to get better since it is often very hard for them to get to that point.
- Would like treatment to be as easy to find as drugs one day, and for treatment to be available on demand.
- The team is working on more programs to work with individuals as they are released from jails as well.

**VII. Proposed topics for July 6<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Memberships
- Measure 110
- Discussion about letter to commissioners regarding implementation of Measure 110

Adjourned at 6:14 pm by Seton.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
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July 6, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Helen Cunha, Amy Young, Bryant Seton, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Dianne Scottaline, John Gotchall

Staff: Jasper Smith, Dani Martin, Dannielle Brown

Guests:

Excused:

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:17 pm by chair Young.

**II. Approval of June minutes**

- Young and Hazelwood abstained from voting on minutes due to her absence at the last meeting. Cunha motioned and Seton seconded motion to accept minutes. Committee unanimously voted to accept June minutes as written.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- The County has a new Crisis Response Team (Crisis Outreach Response and Engagement- CORE) that is working with law enforcement to have a mental health professional dispatched to calls related to mental health crises. The soft start for this program was last week. CPD Officer Trevor Anderson and Alyssa Ryll, QMHP with the County are the current team assigned. They will be working 8-5 on workdays for now, to make community connections with social service agencies during business hours for individuals in need. They will also be following up on calls that came in overnight or off hours from their shift. For now, there is not the capacity for community providers to call and make requests for this team. It is a 1 year pilot project with a goal of long term longevity for this community. The first year will be providing many data points of reference for the project moving forward. The team has shadowed 4 other Oregon counties for models of practice and have used the information they gained to customize their program to best serve the individuals being served. OSU is very much involved in the request for this team to be available in the community, as they had a desire to have non-armed law enforcement serving their students. CORE is working closely with OSU to ensure that they are not overlapping services that are newly launched there for non-armed emergency response on campus. At this time, no new FTE have been added to this program for the pilot year and existing staff

have been assigned for now with the hope that additional funding may be secured at a later date.

- American Rescue Plan Act funding was granted to the County and will be used to remodel a County building to use for crisis respite in the future. This will not be readily available, but will be a future resource for our community hopefully in 2022. The individuals using this respite can be self referred or can be diverted from a provider, law enforcement, EMS, or potentially even their families. Anyone that does not have symptoms requiring inpatient hospitalization would qualify for services if they have mental health symptoms and need a placement. This is a short term placement that is staffed 24/7 by mental health professionals. Individuals utilizing this respite care will need to be 18 years and older due to licensing restrictions.
- Young is on the Excite Team through Family and Community Health Program for local vaccine confidence programs which are funded through the CDC. They are looking for opportunities to reach out to LatinX and other populations who have had less access to information or vaccine locations. Please contact Danielle Fortita or Amy Young if you know of anyone who could benefit from these things.
- OHA has released some information on a workshop focused on back to school and the mental health of trans and LGBTQ youth.
- There was a recent report published in combination with the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Teigan and Sara Foundation about vaccine access and vaccine confidence in the LGBTQ population.
- Delta variant of COVID-19 has been seen in some counties in Oregon and after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, it is possible there will be another uptick in cases. At this time, there is only population health level variant testing rather than individual that is being completed due to the cost of testing.
- DD screening in the community is an area that is being improved upon in the community and some improvements are hopefully going to be incoming soon, to provide some needed accommodations in this process.

#### **IV. Legislative Update**

- Significant investment in DD system was made this session. There was a 10% increase on continuing service level, most of which is in rate increases (in the next year and moving forward into a new rate structure which will begin in about a year from now). Individuals may or may not notice this rate increase, as it is needs based and determined by individual assessments.
- There was also a 10% match increase to Medicaid that the federal government made available for DD services but the details on where those investments will be made are still undefined.
- Behavioral health also saw significant funding approval this session. Guidance on how these funds will be rolled out has thus far been non-specific, although a lot of it is connected to housing access as an alternative to the state hospital. Unsure at this time if this funding will be competitive grants, awarded by county, or other allocation. Much is targeted for specific populations including certified community behavioral health center (CCBHC), aid and assist, residential, and Measure 110 tax money. The timeline for these funds to be dispersed is also

undefined at this time. The hope is that aid and assist and community restoration funding will bolster the ability to provide the community based restoration services for people engaged with law enforcement.

- Governor Brown signed a parity law that says BH treatment needs to be paid in alignment with medical treatment.
- A telehealth bill was signed that will allow BH services to continue to be provided via telehealth when it's clinically appropriate.

**V. Discussion about letter to commissioners regarding implementation of Measure 110**

- J. Gotchall stated that he would like more clarity on who is providing the treatments related to this measure.
- Brown explained that funding has yet to be provided for the treatment services supported by this measure and that OHA is still developing rules for this measure so the County is waiting on that guidance before they're able to implement it. This includes clarification on whether each County or region will be required to have treatment and assessment centers.
- The committee agreed that it would be appropriate to submit a letter to the commissioners citing the urgency of the need for implementing the services associated with this measure. Included in the letter would be a request to review OHA's plan for implementation of Measure 110 by September 1.
- It was agreed that Blue Valentine from Benton County's harm reduction team should be included in this conversation to ensure that the requests in this letter are not things that are already being addressed by her team.

**VI. Proposed topics for August 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Measure 110 letter to commissioners
- Good Samaritan Partial Hospitalization Program presentation

Adjourned at 6:25 pm by Young.

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
August 3, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Amy Young, John Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Bryant Seton, Rita Sawyer,  
Dianne Scottaline, Cody Gotchall, Helen Cunha, Mal Miner

Staff: Jasper Smith, Dani Martin, Kacy Giles

Guests:

Excused: Dannielle Brown

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:16 pm by chair Young.

**II. Approval of July minutes**

- A motion was made to approve July minutes was made by Seton and seconded by J. Gotchall. The committee unanimously voted to in favor of this motion.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- Pathfinder Clubhouse is one year old today
- OSU Assist Program now as a very nice website:  
<https://studentlife.oregonstate.edu/osu-assist>
- Justice System Improvement Project (JSIP): Several MHADDAC members are a part of this project. There is a bond measure coming up in November 2022(retroactively corrected date per committee meeting on 09/07/21). There is an effort to extract the historic courthouse and preservation from the JSIP. Part of what the committee involved is hoping to do is combine all criminal justice services in one location and connect affected individuals with all services that they need.
- In Benton County a collaborative crisis response team and emergency response center is being created and there is a goal of including developmental disabilities accommodations in those as well.
- Governor Brown has stated that masks are required in schools starting in the fall and the Health Department has adhered to the guidelines of all state employees wearing masks indoors.
- COVID-19's new Delta variant is causing everyone to take additional precautions regardless of vaccination status. There is more concern over how parents will continue to respond to these changes than how the kids will.

#### **IV. Legislative Update**

- Most major programs in MH, DD, and education have COVID related monies from the American Recovery Plan Act and Medicaid match enhancements that aren't fully lined out. This money has to be spent within a certain time period, if there are programs that could use the funding in the next 2-3 years, this is a good time to advocate to state agencies for that.
- The next legislative session is in February.
- There are funds available for suicide prevention, being called the Zero Suicide Model.

#### **V. MHADDAC Membership**

- Rita Sawyer joined the committee tonight as an official member. She works with individuals with mental health concerns and is an advocate for social justice and nonviolent communication. Sawyer volunteers as a mediator as well.
- Young's chair position expired last year.
- The committee reviewed the current committee membership list and discussed the terms for members, including partial terms. Many members will have expiring terms at the end of June 2022.
- J. Gotchall motioned that the committee asks the commissioners to strike the sentence in the bylaws which states, "Such appointments shall be for the duration of the unexpired term of that position..." He further asked that all new appointments to MHADDAC on July 1 shall be a full term for the duration of three years and that if someone leaves before their term is completed that someone be assigned an interim term.
- Smith stated that it would make more sense to assign new members to vacant positions rather than assigning them to complete partial terms that have been vacated by others.
- Committee bylaws were reviewed by all present members.
- The committee agreed to revisit this topic next month and vote on it at that time.

#### **VI. Proposed topics for September 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Justice System Improvement Project (JSIP) updates
- Measure 110 letter to commissioners
- Good Samaritan Partial Hospitalization Program presentation

Adjourned at 6:30 pm by Young.



**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
September 7, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Tom Giles, Amy Young, Cody Gotchall, John Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Bryant Seton, Diane Scottaline, Rita Sawyer, Mal Miner, Helen Cunha

Staff: Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith, Dani Martin

Guests: Nick Kurth, Alyssa Rash

Excused:

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

Meeting called to order at 5:16 pm by chair Young.

**II. Approval of August minutes**

- A motion was made to approve August minutes by J. Gotchall and seconded by Cunha. Giles abstained from voting due to absence from the meeting last month. The committee unanimously voted to in favor of this motion.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- Benton County's COVID vaccine rate was most recently quoted as being 67%. There are concerns about sports events such as football games being super spreader events. Hospitals continue to be spread thin.
- The Oregon Public Health Association conference is coming up in October.
- The annual Oregon CCO conference is coming up on October 4<sup>th</sup> and is virtual.
- The mask and vaccine mandate for healthcare workers thus far appears to apply to County case management and direct support workers in the DD department, as well. There is not word yet on if that will apply to vocational workers.
- The state fire marshal recently changed rules to require all adult foster homes have sprinkler systems in them. This can create challenges for providers that are renting the space the clients live in.
- Some state employees representing EMTs, sheriffs, and police are suing the governor due to the mask and vaccine mandate.
- The County BH department did a media event to introduce the plans for the crisis center. They are looking to remodel the Board of Commissioners building to create a respite center for people experiencing a mental health crisis. The Gazette Times and Corvallis Advocate both did stories on this event. So far 2.25 million has been given to go toward remodel funding from Congressman DeFazio and Representative Rayfield's offices.

#### **IV. JSIP Presentation**

- Alyssa Rash, BC Public Information Officer, and Nick Kurth, Program Manager for JSIP, provided a presentation about the Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP).
- A capital bond measure to fund this program has been slated to be on the ballot in November 2022. This is a change from the original date of May 2022.
- This program began in 2017 and is currently in the “predesign” phase.
- The reasons for this program is due to the courthouse being too small and presenting safety issues, the jail being inadequate to house inmates which causes a very high rate of inmate release without accountability. Individuals struggling with mental illness are also unable to find needed help and renting jail beds outside of Benton County takes money out of the County.

#### **V. MHADDAC Membership**

- Tonight was Young’s last meeting as chair, as she has completed both terms she was appointed to. The committee thanked her for her leadership and guidance during her terms of service.
- Cunha nominated Seton to be the new chair, but he declined due to personal commitments elsewhere. He confirmed that he would like to step down as vice chair.
- Young motioned that Scottaline to be the new chair and Hazelwood as vice chair. J. Gotchall seconded the motion. By way of private messages in GoToMeeting platform to Dani, recorder, the committee voted on these motions and unanimously agreed to accept Scottaline as chair and Hazelwood as vice chair.

#### **VI. Proposed topics for October 5<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Letter to Commissioners re: Measure 110 implementation
- Samaritan Partial Hospitalization Program presentation

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Young

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Amy Young, Cody Gotchall, John Gotchall, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Diane Scottaline, Rita Sawyer, Bryant Seton

Staff: Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests: Amy Young

Excused: Helen Cunha

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

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

**II. Approval of September minutes**

- A motion was made to approve September minutes by Hazelwood and seconded by Scottaline. The committee unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- The daytime drop in center has interest in having a participant from there being a co-member with MHADDAC.
- The HOPE partners meeting which occurs monthly covers community resources and where to find them, and can be a useful tool for any agencies looking to have access to this information and connect with others.
- Oregon Clubhouse Coalition have been awarded a planning grant with which they plan to focus on MH and housing concerns. Specifically, they will be doing listening sessions with clubhouses throughout the state and are inviting community partners that may have feedback. Please contact Hazelwood if you know anyone interested in attending.

**IV. Legislative updates**

- Governor Brown's mandatory vaccination order for healthcare workers is being addressed by Developmental Disabilities as an agency. This has created staffing challenges for many businesses in Oregon.
- The state fire marshal mandated that sprinkler systems for childcare facilities and adult foster homes are required. This has been a challenge in situations where adult foster homes are rented rather than owned. The mandate was effective in April and DD was notified in July.
- Legislature met to discuss redistricting lines for House and Senate.

## **V. Committee Survey**

- Scottaline and Hazelwood discussed distributing a survey to committee members regarding what they would like out of MHADDAC, an evaluation of effectiveness of the group, and the possibility of having a commissioner present at meetings.
- The model of having a commissioner attend committee meetings was in place in Jackson County where Hazelwood attended similar committee meetings. That current members are aware, this has not been in practice in Benton County. Brown suggested drafting a letter with this request to be submitted to the commissioners.
- Included in this survey would be information about member demographics and their sphere of influence to identify who is missing representation within the committee.
- Reviewing committee by laws on a quarterly basis was suggested as well.
- Another suggestion included reserving time each meeting to share about upcoming trainings that may benefit members in attendance in the realms of the committee's focus.
- Having a rotating focus area or having individualized agenda items each meeting to discuss each represented population (mental health, addictions, developmental disabilities) was also recommended as a possible way to structure meetings moving forward.

## **VI. JSIP**

- The next community meeting about JSIP will be on Zoom 10/13 from 5-7:30 and can be registered for through the County website.
- Congressman DeFazio and Representative Rayfield have promised some funding to remodel the current BOC building to become the Crisis Center. Rayfield has committed to \$1.25 million and DeFazio has committed to \$1 million. They came to Benton County a couple of weeks ago for a walk through of this space.
- Dannielle Brown provided a presentation on the Crisis Center, which is the first of it's kind in Benton County and is a treatment centered alternative to incarceration or emergency room visits for individuals in BH crisis. Referrals to these services can come from any source, including self-referral. There will be 4-6 "chairs" providing care less than 23 hrs and 4-6 beds for stabilization up to 30 days. The center will be staffed 24/7 with a goal for a trauma informed environment. Early 2023 is the tentative completion date for the Crisis Center.

**VII. Proposed topics for November 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Measure 110
- JSIP
- Collaborative crisis training
- Drug treatment court
- Vacancies and recruitment- discussion with JoeHahn from Benton County

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Scottaline

**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
November 2, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Diane Scottaline, Elizabeth Hazelwood, Helen Cunha, Cody Gotchall, John Gotchall, Tom Giles, Rita Sawyer

Staff: Dani Martin, Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith

Guests: JoeHahn, Annabelle Hull

Excused:

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

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

**II. Approval of September minutes**

- A motion was made to approve October minutes by Cunha and seconded by Hazelwood. The committee unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- Pathfinder clubhouse participated in the OHA funding grants, which they have been awarded. Their focus is to have listening sessions specifically for individuals living with mental illness that are also based on housing insecurities. The deadline for these sessions to be completed has been extended into August of 2022. There will be more information to come, which Hazelwood will provide.
- Oregon Judicial Department's BH summit (to work toward goal of better integrating MH into the judicial system) will be in January. Judge Donohue is going to try to attend. GOBHI is helping organize this conference. J. Gotchall sent out a questionnaire around for participants of the summit to fill out. Pathfinder Clubhouse will be utilizing this survey electronically and on computers in person as well. Gotchall's concern is that this summit is limited to people with mental illness and substance abuse, he's not sure that people with DD are included. As such, he requested that MHADDAC give feedback to Deborah Marinol with the Oregon Judicial Branch regarding leaving out the DD population from their BH integration model. The drafted letter for this purpose was shared with the committee and will be addressed to the Board of Commissioners with the hope that they will advocate for this purpose to the OJD. The committee agreed in favor of submitting this letter on behalf of MHADDAC to the commissioners.
- The County is continuing to move forward in planning for the BH respite center. The feasibility study is underway currently, to determine what updates are

needed to the building chosen for it to be an efficient crisis center. It is suspected that unexpected seismic retrofitting will now be needed which will be more costly and time demanding than initially planned for.

- The County Drug Treatment Court case manager position is in recruitment due to the prior moving out of state. DTC continues to collaborate with community partners and clients. The amount of individuals referred to DTC over the last 18 months has begun to decrease so they are working with law enforcement and judicial officials to start getting those clients referred back as appropriate. There is a certified drug and alcohol counselor and master's level clinician that are providing treatment to these participants. Because of the high risk/high need population this program is focused on, Measure 110 does not appear to be a barrier to treatment because typically these individuals have more complex situations than the citations under Measure 110 would capture.
- The County has been meeting with law enforcement and legal partners to create a new threat assessment team, which will be designed to help individuals identified as high risk in the community to engage in a multi-disciplinary team to help best meet that person's needs which may not follow a traditional law enforcement response. They are doing in reach to the school districts to include them in this as well. The current process for individuals causing concern in businesses and with other people in town, but aren't committing a crime has been a point of concern for some time as calling 9-1-1 is the best response right now. The hope is that this process will improve, as well as provide education in MH first aid and similar forms of educating others of how to respond to these situations.

#### **IV. Legislative updates**

- American Rescue Plan funds are being spent investing in different systems. DD received an enhanced Medicaid match rate and other uses such as electronic case management systems, etc. are being explored with these dollars.
- The workforce continues to be stretched thin across the board, but especially with direct support staff.

#### **V. JSIP**

- There was another community outreach event on October 13<sup>th</sup> which resulted in a high volume of feedback on the two remaining options for the location of the Justice Center, and a new option (Hewlett Packard building) drew more interest from the community. The BOC sent out a press release stating they are slowing down the decision making process on the location. The bond for the center isn't on the ballot for voting until the end of 2022. There will be another series of community engagement sessions after the beginning of next year, as well.

## **VI. Benton County Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator: JoeHahn**

- Began with the County in January as the first in this role. He is not a part of a team at this time but hopes that long term there will be more people working with him.
- Works internally with County staff and externally with community partners as a resource for topics related to equity, diversity, and inclusion. Examples include educating people on pronouns, certain holidays and recognition dates, integration training, diversity dialogue.
- Working on interacting with the public more through social media, Benton County Public Information Officer will be involved in this.
- He talked with C. and J. Gotchall and Scottaline about the ADA checklist being a guiding document within the County to make interactions more inclusive for others. The hope is to have this process completed by the new year.
- Scottaline invited JoeHahn to visit The Arc to field any questions and connect with staff and volunteers there.
- C. and J. Gotchall are working on a sequential intercept mapping program that will occur on 11/15-16, regarding intercepting people with disabilities when they start going through the criminal justice system and at different points along the way within that system and invited JoeHahn to be part of that.

## **VII. Committee Survey**

- Some good information was received through this survey.
- It did become evident that the bylaws of this committee are not a problem, but the functionality and reporting to the commissioners may need adjustments. It seemed that members felt that connecting more closely with the commissioners was important, and different suggestions were made on how to do that including via email, in person quarterly, etc.
- Scottaline will connect with the commissioners next month and will report back on that how that conversation goes.

## **VIII. Proposed topics for December 7<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Measure 110
- JSIP

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Scottaline



**Mental Health, Addictions, and Developmental Disabilities  
Advisory Committee  
(MHADDAC)  
December 07, 2021  
Virtual Meeting held via GoToMeeting**

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Present: Elizabeth Hazelwood, Cody Gotchall, Tom Giles, John Gotchall, Rita Sawyer,  
Mal Miner

Staff: Dannielle Brown, Jasper Smith,

Guests: Kevin Dimmick

Excused: Dani Martin, Helen Cunha

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**I. Call to Order and introductions**

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

**II. Approval of November minutes**

- A motion was made to approve November minutes by Giles and seconded by J. Gotchall. The committee unanimously voted in favor of this motion.

**III. Community Feedback and Announcements**

- The County did get the contract for the money promised by Representative Rayfield to help fund the new crisis center. The feasibility study from DLR will be arriving soon which will break down the cost, which should include any seismic retrofitting needed. It will likely be another 12-18 months until the center is functioning.
- The American Rescue Plan Act has made significant investment into the DD system that are applying to many areas, including direct supports.
- The DD field is finding difficulty in obtaining enough staff. This proves to be a good time for DD individuals to find employment, but challenging to hire an adequate amount of coaches to help secure and develop those jobs.
- [Impactoregon.careers](http://Impactoregon.careers) is a website to look for jobs in the DD field in Oregon.
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**IV. Legislative updates**

- A lot of the money that came from the legislative session earlier than the year has not been rolled out to the County and they are waiting to see how it will be dispersed. This applies to BH and DD fields alike.
- Some money has been allocated as emergency funding for the workforce challenges.
- Legislature is not in an active session at this time, so there are not many other updates available.

## **V. Measure 110**

- The grant came out for the BH resource network for the services related to Measure 110. There is a work group that is working on those grants locally.
- Public health is doing an application for harm reduction support staff related to the BH resource networks.
- There was some concern about the timeline for the grants, so it was extended by a week, to 12/16.
- Between 9-11 agencies are trying to work on the same request for proposal and Julie Arena has been helping them through this and compile a multi-agency and diverse services approach that includes housing, peer support, case management, harm reduction, etc. The collaboration is exciting and each agency is bringing their own pieces of it to the table, so this is a way to combine them with community based organization participation.
- If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Julie Arena with the County. Hazelwood can also help connect people.

## **VI. JSIP**

- Continuing to move forward.
- The timeline is still up in the air for the bond dates, commissioners are working on these. It's suspected that it may be late 2022/early 2023 before it goes out to voters.
- There is a BOC meeting next week to discuss sites for the justice center.
- Conversations around the north site previously dismissed have been reignited as this being a possible location.
- Alternative funding to build the new courthouse is being explored since it is a substantial amount of the bond total.
- More community engagement sessions are upcoming for winter and spring to talk about timelines and whatever decisions have been made by the commissioners about location.
- The county has a mailing list to stay up to date on this project as it progresses, you can go to their website to sign up.
- There is concern about the media presenting this center as a jail, rather than a multi system justice center which includes an education center, treatment space and full rehabilitation center embedded within the jail.
- The bond is for the physical location, not for the services within in.
- The HOPE board has recommended a resource center that's 24/7, 365 days available. There are challenges related to where to place it so that it's accessible to the correctional facility. United Way is taking the lead on some of the development of this center.
- There is not a specific contingency plan for is the levy fails in relation to this project, that is known.
- A proposed floor plan for the respite center was reviewed.

- Recent information pulled shows that the new CORE team has seen 23% of all MH crisis calls that came in to CPD dispatch. 4% of the individuals involved were lodged secondary to the call and 6% ended up at the hospital, which shows they're able to support individuals in the community which is the hope for this team.

## **VII. SIM (Sequential Intercept Mapping) training update**

- One of the topics discussed was continuation of care for people from ED or MH service to residential or outpatient care, as well as the provision of accommodation to those individuals.
- One action item was the Comm Cards being facilitated by the Arc of Benton County. Hazelwood mentioned that in another workgroup she was a part of in the training, they acknowledged the value in these cards and the desire to have them be more readily used by law enforcement. How to present the card with law enforcement was discussed as well, as it is very important.
- Another topic discussed was making sure people are correctly identified when they are brought into the criminal justice system. If it does not get mentioned or recorded in the person's record that they have a disability, they may not receive the services required under the ADA.
- Having a centralized community calendar for training resources was discussed, as there are several trainings that individuals from different sectors would benefit from but it is not always to know what is happening or when. Ex: Mental health first aid. One suggestion to house this resource was the public library.

## **IX. Proposed topics for January 4<sup>th</sup>:**

- Community Feedback / Announcements
- Legislative updates
- Measure 110
- JSIP
- Training resource discussion
- CORE team update

Adjourned at 6:30pm by Hazelwood