

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

**Date:** February 1, 2021  
**Time:** 8:00-10:00am  
**Location:** Zoom Webinar  
**Contact:** Laurie Stolen, Director  
Ryan Barstow, Business Operations Coordinator

**Participants:** Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Will Karspeck, Lisa Kurth, Lisa Laake, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally, Barry Wilson

**BHS Staff:** Ryan Barstow, Jessica Plummer, Kim Priddy, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell

**Grantee Virtual Site Visits:** ChildSafe Colorado - Carol Bennis, Homeward Alliance/Fuse Expansion - Katina Norwood & David Rout

**Absent:** Troy Hamman, Kevin Lemasters, Scott Webermeier

CALL TO ORDER – 8:01 a.m.

#### AGENDA REVIEW

1. Laurie Stolen introduced the new Commissioner Liaison to the Behavioral Health Policy Council, Commissioner Jody Shaddock-McNally, who then gave some introductory remarks.
2. Laurie Stolen completed a roll call where BHS staff and BHPC members introduced themselves and their role/status.

## STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Laurie Stolen asked if all BHPC members had a chance to review the January meeting minutes. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting. Susan Gutowsky made the motion, seconded by Barry Wilson, the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Carol Bennis from ChildSafe Colorado presented the BHPC with a virtual site visit and overview of her agency's work and fielded questions from Council members. Katina Norwood and David Rout from Homeward Alliance then presented a [video tour](#) of their agency's work on the FUSE expansion project, after which they answered Council member's questions.
3. Kim Priddy gave a brief update on the BHS Dashboard update - a draft will be presented in March.
4. Laurie gave a brief update on the BHS Facility update

## DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

1. Laurie reviewed Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the BHPC along with the nomination and appointment process. Barry Wilson nominated himself to the Chair position and Will Karspeck nominated Nick Christensen as Chair or Vice-Chair. Nick said he was happy to serve in either capacity. Laurie asked for all those in favor of appointing Barry Wilson as Chair of BHPC for 1 year, all in favor, no opposed. Laurie then asked for all those in favor of appointing Nick Christensen as Vice-Chair, all in favor, no opposed.
2. Laurie introduced an open discussion on emerging BH issues around Larimer County and members provided the following input:
  - Nick Christensen - Expand on community awareness.
  - Steve Olson - Shared an email from Michael Allen, CEO of Summitstone.
    - Rural outreach.
  - Jody Shadduck-McNally - Awareness building and outreach.
  - Marianne Dungan - Increase services for those experiencing loss and grief.
    - Increase counseling and peer services at primary care locations.
  - Chad Morris - Increase screening for anxiety and depression .
    - Increase prevention efforts for low/moderate need individuals
  - Will Karspeck - Increase services for seniors who have isolation issues.
    - Would like to see community data sorted by location and age to help determine where specific services are needed.
  - Clark McCoy - Prevention and access, increase community awareness of service availability.
    - Addiction and substance use on the rise and despite suicide not being up, unofficial overdose data he has shows it is up 20% some areas and up to 80% in others.
  - Lisa Kurth - Increase awareness, increase connections for concerning rise in suicide risk factors, especially among teens and youth.

3. Kim Priddy presented the 2021 funding decisions making process (slides 5-7 found in [the attached presentation materials](#)). This included detailing the funding process in 2019 and 2020, lessons learned, and reviewing the proposed plan for 2021. Laurie recapped by introducing the resulting funding decisions (slide 8 of the [presentation](#)) for the BHPC to consider at future meetings prior to the grant application process opening in June 2021.
4. Jessica Plummer presented a brief overview of the Crisis Response Fund final results presentation ([slides 9-13](#)) and the accompanying data [visualized here](#).
5. Barry Wilson thanked everyone for their vote of confidence to appoint him to the position of BHPC Chair and Laurie shared that BHS staff will coordinate with Barry and Nick prior to our next meeting on March 1st, 2021.

ADJOURN – 10:00 a.m.