

## MINUTES

### LARIMER COUNTY POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date:** June 3, 2019  
**Time:** 8:00-10:00am  
**Location:** 200 West Oak, Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, County Courthouse Office Building  
**Contact:** Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director  
Rachel Iverson, Behavioral Health Services Department Specialist II

#### ATTENDEES

Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Susan Gutowsky, Troy Hamman, Lisa Kurth, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy, Kristie Melendez, Barry Wilson, Kathi Wright, Ken Zornes, Laurie Stolen, Anne Poler

#### ABSENT

Will Karspeck, Steve Olson, Jill Grossman-Belisle, Chad Morris, Steve Johnson

#### CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS- 8:05

- a) Welcomed new member Susan Gutowsky, Councilmember for City of Fort Collins who takes the place of Kristin Stephens.

#### DISCUSSION- 8:07-8:30

- a) Feedback was solicited on having breakfast provided at meetings. Breakfast is appreciated and members enjoy healthy options like fruit and yogurt as well as a hot entrée option.
- b) The PAC was informed about the May TAC meeting and the decision to create a series of seven collaborative presentations between TAC members and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) team for PAC consumption at each monthly meeting.
- c) Discussion re: purpose and goals of today's funding expert forum. PAC will be asked to agree on decisions around 2019 criteria for funding, naming the 2019 funding initiative, and how to advertise the funding opportunities.
- d) The TAC role and general timeline was reviewed.



## FUNDING EXPERT FORUM AND DECISION-MAKING DISCUSSION- 8:30-9:54

Funding experts were introduced: Merry Hummell, Nina Bodenhamer, Eric Jones, Kim Ackeley-Charron and Gary Rogers.

- a) PAC members were given an opportunity to ask questions and share thoughts regarding funding proven vs innovative projects. Panel shared insights on importance of clarity in guidelines.
- b) Discussion around goals for 2019, including the criteria of ensuring geographic diversity, a broad impact or reach in the community, high visibility, a sense of urgency to the need and to ensure the funding meets the identified priority areas and community defined needs.
- c) There was additional discussion about availability of funds and the option to carryover as needed. Discussion continued on making criteria for 2019 simpler and more accessible due to time constraints.
- d) Discussion continued on pros and cons of funding operational costs, multi-year grants, and making the biggest or broadest impact possible.
- e) Panel encouraged use of clear and manageable metrics, regular site visits, maintaining strong relationships with fundees, and considering geographic diversity.
- f) Discussion around funding research initiatives and managing time-sensitive and urgent needs. Having a dedicated pool for urgent funding was suggested.
- g) Panel and committee discussed use of matching funds and determining how much to fund an opportunity.
- h) The Funding Experts were thanked and dismissed.
- i) Several minutes were spent defining next steps and targeting decision making for 2019 funding.
- j) It was determined that for the July meeting that the PAC will be given 2019 funding recommendations with proposed amounts to decide upon at the meeting and a further effort will be continued to create a full grant making process for 2020 and beyond.

## TAC/CHIP Presentation – 9:55-10:20

Presenters introduced: Kelsey Lyons- Larimer County Health and Environment, Kristen Cochran Ward- Connections, Mandy Lee- United Way, Stephanie Madsen-Pixler-TAC member, Scott Smith- Alliance for Suicide Prevention and Lin Wilder-Health District.

- a) Overview of current organizations in place to manage referrals and resources.
- b) Information provided on what is missing or being duplicated. Discussion of best practices as well as short- and long-term goals for referral management in Larimer County.



**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a) A Behavioral Health Glossary of commonly used terminology and acronyms were distributed to council members.
- b) Council members were thanked for staying late at today's meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** July 15, 2019 in Loveland

**ADJOURN** – 10:22 a.m.

