

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: October 7, 2019
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: 200 West Oak, Hearing Room, 1st floor, County Courthouse Office Building
Contact: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director

Attendees: Nick Christensen, Troy Hamman, Will Karspeck, Mary Maldonado, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Barry Wilson

BHS Staff: Rachel Iverson, Kim Priddy, Andrea Smith, Laurie Stolen

Absent: Steve Johnson- Commissioner Liaison, Marianne Dungan, Jill Grossman-Belisle, Susan Gutowsky, Lisa Kurth, Kevn Lemasters, Clark McCoy, Kristie Melendez, Ken Zornes

CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 8:05 a.m.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

a) TAC/CHIP Presentation given by Group #4(Hank Baise, Laurie Klith, Carol Plock, MaryBeth Swanson) regarding the importance of early identification efforts in our community. Discussion was had between the Policy Council and the TAC group regarding the importance of early identification/early intervention and how to achieve these goals in the community.

There was also a discussion as to why the TAC group think we see an increase in suicide and the need for more mental health intervention now versus 20+ years ago. The TAC said that part of it may be the lack of life skill building and the increase of technology and surge of social media use.

b) Reminder of the BHS End of Year Event Open House at Embassy Suites on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 4-6pm.

c) Reminder of the Board of County Commissioners Boards and Commissions Thank You Dinner at the Budweiser Event Center, 4th floor restaurant on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 from 5-7pm

d) Marie Sand from The Alternative Sentencing Department transported the PAC group to/from Harvest Farms in Wellington for a site visit. Seth Forwood, Director of Harvest Farms, gave us an excellent tour of the farm. He shared the history of Harvest Farms and shared how BHS grant funding would assist with a peer support leadership program.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Next meeting is November 4, 2019
200 Peridot Ave
Big Thompson River Room 107
Loveland, CO 80538

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