

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: July 15, 2019
Time: 8:00-10:00am
Location: Big Thompson River Rm 107, 1st floor, Loveland County Office Building
200 Peridot Ave, Loveland, CO 80538

Attendees:

Nick Christensen, Marianne Dungan, Emily Gorgol, Steve Johnson, Will Karspeck, Lisa Kurth, Mary Maldonado, Chad Morris, Steve Olson, Ken Zornes,

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

Absent: Jill Grossman-Belisle, Susan Gutowsky, Kevin Lemasters, Troy Hamman, Kristie Melendez, Clark McCoy

CALL TO ORDER – 8:02 a.m. by Laurie Stolen

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) Kelsey Lyon from the Larimer County Health Department and Scott Smith from the Alliance for Suicide Prevention, gave the CHIP/TAC presentation on: Increasing environmental protective factors and decreasing environmental risk factors for mental illness and substance use disorders.
- b) Consultant Nina Bodenhamer led the presentation of the 2019 distributive services funding recommendations.
- c) Prior to voting on the recommendations, Steve Olson proposed that County BHS needed to consider hiring a Homeless Coordinator to improve the service delivery and outcomes for the growing needs of this population in communities such as Loveland and Fort Collins. Much discussion was had regarding current efforts in our region on the homeless issue. The scope of these tax revenues was clarified and members were referred

to the ballot language on what efforts could be supported by these dollars and what efforts were out of scope.

- d) Discussion was had amongst members regarding their desire to see the impact of funding for diverse and rural populations and priority areas. BHS Staff Kim Priddy and Andrea Smith were introduced as those that will be working on these areas.
- e) Clarification was provided by staff on the on-line accessibility of the upcoming grant application and process. The on-line application will be available on <https://www.larimer.org/behavioralhealth> starting August 1, 2019.
- f) 2019 Grant Cycle timeline – requests for funding will open August 1, 2019 through 5pm on August 29, 2019 and awards will be made no later than October 1, 2019. The program cycle will be October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020.
- g) A motion to approve the proposed open community grant cycle process was made by Emily Gorgol, seconded by Will Karspeck and the vote was carried unanimously 10-0, by the Policy Council.
- h) To avoid any conflict of interest, a motion to approve 9 of the 11 funding recommendations was made by Steve Olson and seconded by Nick Christensen and the vote was carried unanimously 10-0, by the Policy Council
- i) The Salud Healthcare funding recommendation was voted on by the Policy Council with Marianne Dungan abstaining. Vote carried unanimously 9-0 by the remaining Policy Council members.
- j) The Grand Family Coalition funding recommendation was voted on by the Policy Council with Mary Maldonado abstaining. Vote carried unanimously 9-0, by the remaining Policy Council members.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) Commissioner Johnson acknowledged the work of staff and consultants Nina Bodenhamer and Merry Hummell. He recognized the transparency, dedication, thoroughness and amount of time that was given to make this 2019 grant process so successful.
- b) Members were given a copy of the grant application to market and disperse throughout their communities. An electronic copy of the grant application will be emailed to all members, in addition to the TAC/CHIP presentation slides.
- c) The Board of County Commissioners will be asked to ratify the Policy Council's recommendations at their weekly Admin Matters meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd at 9 a.m. at 200 W. Oak St. 2nd floor, BoCC Conference Room. Policy Council Members are encouraged to attend.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Note – August 5th meeting will be in LOVELAND and NOT in Fort Collins
- b) September meeting date will be on the 16th and that meeting will also be in Loveland

ADJOURN – 10:00 a.m.