

MINUTES

LARIMER COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY COUNCIL

Date: March 2, 2020
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, Marianne Dungan (phone), Susan Gutowsky, Lisa Kurth, Kevin Lemasters, Mary Maldonado, Clark McCoy (phone), Steve Olson, Ken Zornes

BHS Staff: Rachel Iverson, Laurie Stolen, Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell

Absent: Steve Johnson-Commissioner Liaison, Jill Grossman-Belisle, Troy Hamman, Wil Karspeck, Kristie Melendez, Chad Morris

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

AGENDA REVIEW

- a) **Motion:** Laurie Stolen asked for a review and approval of the minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting. Kevin Lemasters made the motion to approve, seconded by Ken Zornes. The vote was carried unanimously 9-0 in approval of the minutes as written.

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- a) Presentation about the Larimer County Community Advisory Council (LCCAC) by Kelsey Lyon from the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment and Bryan Ferrans from the Health District. A discussion was had around the purpose and benefits of creating this new sub-committee. Some of the highlights

were that this group of consumers will help to determine gaps in the area of Behavioral Health (BH) services from a new perspective. The LCCAC will aid in determining early identification and early intervention of behavioral health related issues. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) would like to offer a stipend to the members of the LCCAC and would also like this group to be a subcommittee under the Behavioral Health Policy Council (BHPC) similar to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). It was determined that the BHPC would like the BHS team to be in charge of the process of accepting and reviewing applications for the new LCCAC subcommittee. BHS, in collaboration with Kelsey Lyon and Bryan Ferrans, will then bring their recommendations to the BHPC for review, selection and determination of creating the LCCAC in May or June 2020.

b) **Motion:** Susan Gutowsky motioned to proceed with the application process for members of a potential LCCAC. The final decision on whether to officially form this subcommittee will be made upon BHPC review of the applications received. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lisa Kurth. The vote was carried 8-1 in favor of moving forward with the application process. Steve Olson was opposed.

c) The BHS Annual report was briefly discussed and presented to the BHPC by Jennifer Wolfe-Kimbell, BHS Communications and Media Specialist. Each member of the BHPC was encouraged to distribute these reports in their respective communities.

d) The TAC has asked if the BHPC has input on whether the TAC may appoint alternates to attend the meetings in their place. The options discussed were a) to have alternates submit an application for review by BHS and the BHPC or b) for the TAC members needing alternates to select their own alternates, submit the name to BHS for review, then BHS will take those recommendations to the BHPC for approval. Option (b) was agreed upon by the BHPC 8-1 with Steve Olson opposing.

e) The BHPC adjourned to travel to Healing Warriors in Fort Collins for a site visit.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a) The Gary A. Darling award will be presented tomorrow, March 3, 2020 at 9 a.m. by the Board of County Commissioners at the Admin Matters meeting. The location is 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521 on the 2nd floor in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Next meeting
April 6, 2020 (combined with the TAC)
8-10 a.m.
200 Peridot Avenue
Loveland CO 80538
Big Thompson River Room

ADJOURN – 10:02 a.m.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Shall Larimer County taxes be increased \$19,000,000 dollars annually (estimated first fiscal year dollar increase in 2019) and by whatever additional amount as may be raised annually thereafter, for a period of 20 years by the imposition of a .25% (25 cents on \$100 dollars) sales and use tax with all revenue from such tax to be used in accordance with the Board of County Commissioners Resolution # 07242018R013 for the following Mental/Behavioral Health care purposes;

-Provide preventative, early identification, intervention, support, and treatment services for youth, adults, families and senior citizens, either directly or indirectly, who are residents of Larimer County including Berthoud, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Johnstown, Loveland, Timnath, Wellington, Windsor and rural communities of Larimer County through in-person and other delivery methods, which may include tele-services, community based services and other service options and;

-acquire, construct, improve, maintain, lease, remodel, staff, equip, and operate new and/or existing mental/behavioral health facilities;

Further provided that an annual report shall be published and provided to the Board of County Commissioners on the designation or use of the revenues from the tax increase in the preceding

calendar year consistent with its approved purposes.