

Benton-Franklin Behavioral Health Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes | October 13, 2022

Call to Order: 2:00 PM

Introduction of Members: All voting and non-voting members plus their representation/organization.

Approval of September 8, 2022, Minutes: Chairman BJ Olson moved to approve the September 8, 2022, Committee meeting minutes, Chad Michael seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion Items:

1. **Presentation from Comprehensive Healthcare on Mobile Crisis Response Teams:** Courtney Hesla, LMHC, Chief Quality and Community Engagement Officer from Comprehensive Healthcare presented to the Committee regarding their current services for Mobile Crisis Response teams and addressed questions that had been asked prior to the meeting presentation. The PowerPoint presented is included at the end of these minutes. Topics discussed include:
 - a. Current services in Tri-Cities provided by Comprehensive
 - b. Comprehensive will be setting up a youth mobile outreach service (currently hiring)
 - c. Discussion of the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) that the counties will be putting out later this year
 - d. Ideal services to be provided by any future outreach teams
 - e. Answering any follow-up questions from the committee
2. **Formation of Workgroups: (ask BJ to send me the email he sent for draft motion)** Jason Bliss moved to adopt the workgroups as presented, Erin Petty seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Sheriff Raymond moved, Rebecca Grohs seconded to appoint the following members to committees.
 - a. **Standards for Substance Use Disorders Services:**
 - i. Whose responsibility it would be to advise on needs, expectations, standards, timelines etc. for substance use programs –this group would help to develop standards and expectations to include in contracts the counties issue for SUD services. This group may also help with monitoring and oversight of those contractors.
 - ii. Members: Rebecca Grohs, Joel Chavez, Jason Bliss, Kim Lettrick, Sheriff Jim Raymond
 - b. **Standards for Mental Health Services:**
 - i. Whose responsibility it would be to advise on needs, expectations, standards, timelines etc. for mental health programs –this group would help to develop standards and expectations to include in contracts the counties issue for mental health services. This group may also help with monitoring and oversight of those contractors.
 - ii. Members: Angie Manterola, Erin Petty, Ryan Washburn, Kyle Sullivan, Bob Gear, Sindi Saunders, and Chad Michael
 - c. **Communications:**
 - i. Whose responsibility it would be to develop communication plan for the community about behavioral health services – this group would help to craft messaging for the counties to put out regarding what the group and counties are working on as well as about what services are available

in the community. This group may also service as a point of contact for questions to the Committee and input from providers, stakeholders etc.

ii. Members: Michele Gerber, John Roach, Carla Prock, Shyanne Palmus

d. Behavioral Health Workforce Development:

i. Whose responsibility it would be to engage with providers, educational institutes, employment agencies, local schools etc. to find ways that could bolster the number of qualified behavioral health workers in our community.

ii. Members: John Roach, Kyle Sullivan, Shelby Beardslee, BJ Olson

iii. Joel Chavez recommended that the Committee consider partnering with or, if possible, have a member of the committee be part of the State's existing workforce development council for behavioral health rather than having its own committee (due to redundancy). Sindi Saunders mentioned that it may be beneficial to maintain this workgroup in addition to the state group.

3. Recovery Center RFP Status:

a. Keith Johnson, Franklin County Administrator, gave an update on the current status of the RFP process. The RFP is currently under legal review with Benton County's team, for final approval before release. The Benton County Board of Commissioners have given approval to move forward with the RFP. At this point, the Franklin County Commissioner have not provided approval, which will need to happen prior to release.

b. Committee members asked about the RFP process, including the architecture/engineering process and other bidding requirements, as well as the acquisition of a contractor to operate the Recovery Center.

c. Multiple comments were made regarding needing a phased approach to the process – and the longer it takes to get things set up, the less community engagement/support we will have as we go forward. Michele Gerber mentioned that there are many public agencies and groups willing to help and volunteer time or resources, and that those groups are getting impatient and are ready now.

Public Comment:

1. The Franklin County Fire Chief asked about the licensing process and whether there has been any outreach to the Governor's Office, State Legislators, or other members of the State government to facilitate a quicker process since it is high on the State's priority list for services.

Other Business:

1. The committee requested further explanation of current funding – what we have, what it can be used for, etc.

2. Rebecca Grohs requested a tour of the facilities for the committee once the sale has closed.

3. The committee requested additional clarification regarding the restrictions in place

4. Rebecca Grohs moved to create an additional workgroup for Finance & Facilities to identify opportunities/finances for current facilities and future opportunities, and Jason Bliss seconded. Motion carried.

a. Members: Matt Rasmussen, Duane Davidson, Jim Raymond, Bob Gear, Michele Gerber

5. Erin Petty wished to acknowledge the death of committee member Trevor Hummel, moment of silence observed.

6. Rebecca Grohs requested clarification on the reporting expectations of the workgroups – and BJ Olson recommended that each committee provide updates each month to the committee.

Adjourned: 3:40 PM