

BENTON-FRANKLIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes | February 8, 2024

Call to Order: 2:00 PM

Introduction of Members: All voting and non-voting members introduced themselves.

Voting Members: Jason Bliss, Erin Petty, Chad Michael, Becky Grohs, Kim Lettrick, Sindi Saunders, BJ Olson, Joel Chavez, Kevin Crowley, John Roach, Mat Clarke (alternate for Benton County Sheriff), Mark Holyoak, Angie Manterola

Non-voting Members: Kyle Sullivan, Matt Rasmussen, Carla Prock, Mike Gonzalez, Jim Bell

Virtual: Erika Barton, Brian Ace

Commissioner Bauman (Franklin County) was present.

Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2024: The committee members all reviewed the January 11, 2024, committee meeting minutes. Jason Bliss moved to approve the minutes as presented. Chad Michael seconded. Minutes were approved.

Public Comment:

1. **Commissioner Bauman** – Introduced Lourdes new CEO, Mark Holyoak. Franklin County commission appointed Mark Holyoak to the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee on 02/07/24.

Discussion Items:

1. Recovery Center Updates – M. Rasmussen

- a. Weekly meetings with the design-build team
- b. Agreement with the design team where (in general) each program would be located within the KGH building.
 - i. Natural firebreak between two sections of the building. Housing or Outpatient Services could be accommodated there.
 - ii. Design-build team will develop a more detailed budget and schematic drawing.
 - iii. Validation phase deliverable – March
 - iv. Demolition – This summer
- c. Discussion with Lourdes counseling on the restrictions on Crisis Stabilization.

2. Budget Information for (proposed) Sobering Center – M. Gonzalez

- a. Sobering Center timeline – September, at the earliest
- b. Discussions were had regarding using some of the mental health money to support the PATH program.
 - i. Franklin County – upwards of 6 million dollars that they would like to start using.
- c. Idea to support a program through the (Franklin County) PA office.
- d. **Question:** C. Michael – Under the understanding that there was a moratorium on funding programs?

- i. M. Rasmussen – Moratorium was for the Committee to make recommendations, but Commissioners can make decisions on their own still.
- e. **Comment:** Mauricio (Lourdes) – The idea is to keep the programs running, people need these services
- f. **Question:** J. Bliss – Will this program run side by side with sobering center or is it going to be two separate programs?
 - i. Would run in conjunction.
 - 1. Continue to fund current programs that are in place while we plan on the sobering center.
- g. **Question:** B. Grohs – What is the reason behind the additional funding?
 - i. Funding is just to sustain and maintain the program.
 - ii. Without the funding, the program would potentially cease to exist.
- h. **Question:** BJ Olson – PATH program: In previous years, was state matching the funding before?
 - i. Yes, funding would be to replace the match funding they were receiving.
- i. **Question:** J. Bliss – Budget proposal that was turned into Matt (Rasmussen), was that PATH or Sobering Center?
 - i. Both as separate documents.
- j. **Comment:** J. Roach – Last meeting had a breakdown/summary of the costs and funding, including sales tax revenues for Benton and Franklin Counties.
 - i. Some of the accumulated sales tax revenues could potentially have been used to fill the construction gap, in the event the grants cannot be captured.
 - ii. If we had a projection range (next 2 yrs), to help make these decisions, it would be helpful.
 - 1. M. Rasmussen – Benton County is committed to funding the construction of the first 4 phases of the recovery center. Franklin County has more leeway on their money.
 - a. Another state settlement on the way
 - i. One-time payment, almost \$1 million to Benton County
 - iii. S. Saunders – If Franklin County doesn't want to use some of the sales tax funding for this, maybe the City of Pasco or Franklin County can use some of their opioid funds to help with the program instead.
 - 1. M. Gonzalez – Makes sense for Franklin County to support programs that will be impactful to the entire committee by using those funds.
 - iv. Further discussion next meeting regarding budget.
- k. **Question:** B. Grohs – Any update on Crisis Stabilization, Bruneau Ave?

- i. M. Rasmussen – No longer utilizing Bruneau for that anymore per the recommendation of the Design-Build team.
 1. Everything will go within the KGH facility.

3. Communication Committee

- a. Mission/Value/Vision PowerPoint
 - i. Mission (biggest adjustment):
 1. Specifically, we advocate for the vital role of the Recovery Center in our community.
 - ii. Vision could be thinned down into a Purpose statement as well, if the Committee would like to pursue that task.

MOTION: Jason Bliss moved to accept the mission, vision, value statement as proposed. Sindi Saunders seconded. Upon vote, motion carried.

4. Workforce Committee

- a. Have standing agenda item for sub-committees.
- b. Have Doug Hughes come next month to talk about CBC's program
- c. Invited to the Adult and Employer linkage committee meeting by Kelly Harnish.
 - i. Elevate the progress of the Recovery Center to that forum
 1. Idea of incorporating and making sure behavioral health is being represented for the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Public Comment:

1. **G. Vaagen** – March/April, pictures will be taken for the new website development and social media.
2. **C. Prock** – KONA broadcast (awesome). Have we looked at Spanish language media partners?
No, but let Glenn know and he can act as that bridge
3. **Member of Public** – Mission Statement. Recovery Center at the bottom, was it deliberate to use instead of the full Columbia Valley Center for Recovery name?
 - E. Petty** – makes a good point to distinguish between CVCR and Recovery Coalition, etc.
 - J. Roach** – new name has been used and emphasized in the Herald. Should be done everywhere.

Other Business:

MOTION: Jason Bliss moved to amend the mission, vision, value statement to include the approved name rather than Recovery Center. John Roach seconded. Upon vote, motion carried.

1. **J. Roach** – When name was adopted, it was brought up to use a moderate amount of dollars for a branding packing (picture, logo). Has there been any work on this?
 - M. Rasmussen – Not yet, but will ask Glenn to make a few calls for quotes.
2. **M. Rasmussen** – Will adjust the dates in the Field Responders RFP and will send out this afternoon or tomorrow to the 3 original responders.
 - City of Pasco withdrew. Only needs to send to 2 responders.
3. **M. Holyoak** – Appreciates the open communication.
 - Lourdes mission statement: making communities healthier. Mission and Vision statements – expanding existing services, providing collaboration of services that are not provided.

Lourdes is very supportive of getting a recovery center in the community. Wants to make sure they are strong partners.

Please do not hesitate to ask him questions.

4. **J. Chavez** – Substance Use Committee hasn't met for a while.

Discuss changes that have taken place (Substance Use Admission Criteria)

Social detox will no longer be available aside from Providers

Local sales tax dollars – Peer support specialists cannot be hired since it not a reimbursable service, perhaps use some of those dollars for that.

Adjourned: 2:47