

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
May 9, 2023
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Christina Miko, Kristine Johnson, Wendy Sisk, Anne Grover,
Kristina Bullington, Helen Kenoyer, Bruce Fernie, Rebecca Larson

Non-voting members present: Jenny Oppelt, Kirsten Poole, Jody Jacobsen, Amy Bundy

Absent: Tayler McCrorie, John DeBoer

General Attendance: Christine Dunn, Commissioner Mark Ozias, Elizabeth Hansen,
Cynthia Hanson, Kay Stohr, Johnny Watts, and Stephanie Lewis

1. Welcome and Introductions – The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Agenda – Majority approved the agenda.

3. Minutes – Majority approved the minutes as presented from March 14, 2023.

4. Old Business

- Position Vacancies: Tribal Representative, WA Dept of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Private Provider of Substance Use Disorders Services not contracting for funding and Representative for Hospitals. Anyone interested or know of someone can reach out to Christine Dunn via email or call.

5. New Business

- LIFT Court Presentation – Presented by Kirsten Poole – Family Therapeutic Court
 - * See attached presentation.
 - Kirsten shared the primary objective of LIFT Court is returning home through a therapeutic setting. LIFT Court has weekly check-ins until the third phase and the check-ins are every other week. Each participant has court ordered referrals.
 - Kirsten shared that in 2010 Juvenile services requested funding for their program from county behavioral health funding and in 2011 Superior Court requested funding for drug court.

- Discussion followed. Helen Kenoyer asked if people must have their kids out of the home to be involved in lift court? Kirsten stated No, they just need to have an open dependency case.
- Drug Court Presentation – Johnny Watts – Drug Court Coordinator
 - Johnny stated his first assignment was to get the program up to national standards. When drug court first started it was low risk, minimal substance use disorders. Now it is the high-risk needs, those who have been suffering with substance use disorder for quite some time, those who have been in treatment several times, incarcerated or charged with significant drug related crimes. There are 5 stages to the program. Immediate needs are identified, work begins on those, and after the first 30 days participants are asked how things are going and if this is a good program for them. Everybody leaves drug court with a basic education, steady employment, and tests negative for substances for at least six months. Johnny mentioned a new software called One Step that will be implemented soon, which will be installed on the client's phone. It has a location device, sets reminders, and they can contact their treatment provider directly. It also sends daily inspiration quotes.
 - Discussion followed. Amy Bundy asked about the consideration of misdemeanors in drug court. Johnny stated that they do accept misdemeanors, they do have to be drug related and if the defense can offer it to the prosecutor as an option.
- Mental Health Court Presentation – Elizabeth Hansen – Mental Health Court Manager
 - * See attached presentation.
 - Elizabeth shared since she started, she has been rebuilding and working on optimizing the program. There are 4 active participants currently, with the primary emphasis being mental health and secondary substance use disorder. The goals of mental health court are getting clients engaged, improving quality of life of the participant, access to community treatment services and reduce costs of prosecution and incarceration. The Mental Health Court was set up to be completed in 12 months, although 18 months to 2 years is a more realistic time frame. Thursday, May 25, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the historic courtroom, folks are invited to come and talk more about Mental Health Court, snacks and refreshments will be provided.
 - A short discussion followed. Kristina Bullington stated several clients engaged in the mental health court process and Liz is doing a fantastic job coordinating providers, communication has been amazing, and clients feel supported.
- Recommendation on New Member – Christine Dunn
 - Heidi Anderson was interviewed for the Representative for the Hospitals position. She is the CEO of the Forks Hospital and works with West End Outreach. Majority approved Ms. Anderson for the Board. This will move onto the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.
- 2024 Funding Retreat Discussion – Christine Dunn
 - July 11th is the extended meeting to make decisions around the next funding cycle, which Stephanie Lewis has offered to be the facilitator.

6. Future Meeting Agendas

- July 11, 2023 meeting – Retreat (extended Meeting 1:15-5pm)

7. Public Comment

- None

8. Announcements

- Wendy Sisk shared free Mental Health first aid at the college June 5th, information on PBH's web page.

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Next meeting: July 11, 2023

Voting Members: John DeBoer, Bruce Fernie, Helen Kenoyer, Anne Grover, Rebecca Larsen
Kristine Johnson, Christina Miko, Kristina Bullington, Wendy Sisk

Non-Voting Members: Amy Bundy, Jenny Oppelt, Jody Jacobson, Kirsten Poole

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim