

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
April 13, 2021
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: John DeBoer, Grace Bell, Bruce Fernie, Don Lawley, Tayler McCrorie, Christina Miko, Amy Miller, Wendy Peterson, Tom Stokes

Non-Voting Members Present: Kevin LoPiccolo, Kristina Bullington, Stephanie Lewis, Jody Jacobson, Wendy Sisk, Kirsten Poole

Absent: Viola Ware, Jesse Charles, Travis Hedin

General Attendance: Jennifer Oppelt, Alyson McWilliams, Elizabeth Stanley, Helen Kenoyer, G'Neil Ashley, Mel Melmed

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm, and introductions were made by all in attendance, via phone, video, and in person.

- **AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by the majority.

- **MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 9, 2021 were approved by the majority.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentations:

Elizabeth Stanley from the **Clallam County Prosecutors Office** gave a presentation on the OPMA act:

https://mrsc.org/getmedia/b9dc06de-338d-43cc-9baa-9c99244cdf3/opma_agency%20obligations_practice%20tips.pdf.aspx

Alyson McWilliams from **Peninsula Behavioral Health** gave a presentation on their **PATH program**.

2020 numbers: Outreach provided 7,848 encounters, 3,382 services rendered, 87 clients enrolled, 5 clients housed.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ayB22AdfDI0m9E68NzYbCvMk2mlrII0rouAIc8YPbaQ/edit?usp=sharing>

<https://peninsulabehavioral.org/services/homeless-help-clallam/>

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Birth/Death certificate outreach to DOH - Kevin LoPiccolo

What happens when you can't prove your identify? This situation is dealt with on a case by case basis. Agencies can be their authorized representative, if no family to identify them. The number for Vital Check at DOH is 866-687-1464 for more information.

Covid-19 Impacts

Christina Miko-First Step Family Support Center: They will be having a vaccination event on 4/22/21:

<https://firststepfamilysupportcenter.org/news/>

Amy Miller – At Large: Community event at Jesse Webster Park last weekend (4/9/21): Lunch, clothing and vaccinations. Vaccinations are also being offered at Serenity House, and the SDC to those unhoused, or in unique living situations.

Wendy Sisk – Peninsula Behavioral Health: They are offering vaccinations to patients that aren't able to get to vaccination clinics.

Kevin LoPiccolo – Health and Human Services: The Social Distancing Center (SDC) lease is up the end of May. The lease will most likely be extended to coincide with the Serenity House addition completion.

Board Membership

Consumer/Past Consumer of substance use treatment

Helen Kenoyer was interviewed by several board members; Christina Miko, Stephanie Lewis, and Kevin LoPiccolo. All agreed that her past and current experience makes her a great addition to the Board.

Amy Miller made a motion to except her as a member. Majority approved Helen as a board member.

This will now go to the BOCC for approval.

- **FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

Stephanie Lewis pointed out the 'Old Business' should come before 'New Business' on our agendas.

She will present an update on Integrated Managed Care at the May meeting.

Amy Miller suggested that we reach out to Sequim Health and Housing Collaborative to present at a future meeting.

Kristina Bullington suggested that we ask a representative from the Prosecuting Attorney's office to give an update on drug possession laws that pertain to the Blake decision.

Amy Miller suggested that we have OCH present on the Olympic Region Behavioral Health Report.

Jenny Oppelt was contacted by Mel Melmed regarding a focus group discussion on substance use stigma in the Salish region at the June meeting.

Retreat meeting discussion at May's meeting.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

John DeBoer asked about the homeless point in time count. Per Amy Miller, report isn't out yet. Numbers are increasing.

Cloudburst Homeless Gaps and Needs survey - information gathering now. When report is complete, they will present to Homelessness Task Force, and Board of Health; likely in June.

Wendy Sisk - Peninsula Behavioral Health is celebrating their 50th year. They've seen a 13% increase in clients accessing care in the last year. Be on the watch for signs and symptoms of suicide.

Helen Kenoyer - Overdose stats: 15 in 2020. This year we've had 9 so far. COVID is really affecting those that need help.

Kristina Bullington - Olympic Personal Growth: OPG offers training (CRAFT) designed to engage treatment – refusing substance abusers in to treatment.

Wendy Sisk - Peninsula Behavioral Health: Discussed the possibility of building a county wide Behavioral Health Court for mental health disorders. Both the Public Defender and Prosecuting Attorney are in favor of it.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

4:24 pm

Next meeting: May 11, 2021

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