

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Clallam County Courthouse

Virtual
January 12, 2021
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: John DeBoer, Christina Miko, Wendy Peterson, Jesse Charles, Bruce Fernie, Travis Hedin, Grace Bell, Don Lawley, Viola Ware, Tom Stokes, Wendy Peterson

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

Absent: Taylor McCrorie, Kirsten Poole, Amy Miller

General Attendance: Jennifer Oppelt, Mark Ozias, G'Nell Ashley, Michelle Olsen, Dr. Rachel Summers, Rebecca Larsen, Minnie Whalen, Christine Dunn

- **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm and introductions were made by all in attendance, both via phone and video.

- **AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by the majority.

- **MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 10, 2020 were modified reflect the correct time the meeting adjourned. Majority approved the modified minutes.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation:

Port Angeles School District staff (Michelle Olsen, Dr. Rachel Summers and Rebecca Larsen) reported on the current status of in-person and remote learning and the different stages of their reopening. As of January 11, 2021, K-6 grade is on the hybrid A/B model. Students in group A are on campus Monday and Thursday's, students in group B are on campus Tuesday and Friday's. Wednesday is a remote learning day for both groups, so currently 2 in person days, and 3 remote learning days for K-6 students. Grades 7-12 are in full remote learning. The plan is to bring back 7-12 in February; 7/9/12th grades are scheduled to be brought back on a similar hybrid schedule on February 2, and 8/10/11th grades are scheduled to come back on February 8. In addition, they are focusing on health and safety supports for students and staff, family supports, and also laptops and Wifi access for students. Minnie Whalen-Clallam County Resilience Project Director reported on her work with supporting wellness of School District staff through the program Wellness Wednesday's. They meet twice a month and discuss different topics and hands on presentations to help staff deal with the challenges of COVID.

Becca Larsen works as the Family Navigator for PASD. She reported on her work helping with basic family needs through in home meetings. Her program is helping with internet support and transportation, and well as health care supports for students through North Olympic Health Network.

Dr. Rachel Summers spoke on the increased need for social and emotional support programs for students. The Character Strong program offers these supports for students K-12. The program is designed for in person and remote learning. Live leadership trainings are being offered to staff in order to increase capacity in these areas.

They continue to build on the community partnerships in order to stay positive and help both students and educators during the pandemic. Discussion followed.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Covid-19 Impacts**

- Board members had an opportunity to share the COVID-19 impacts they are seeing in their area.

- A discussion regarding SUD providers receiving a Covid-19 vaccine and what category they fall under ensued. It was encouraged SUD providers reach out to Dr. Unthank and the Health Department in order to get vaccinated. Discussion followed.

- **Board Membership**

- **Consumer/Past Consumer of substance use treatment**

- We are still looking for a qualified person for this position. Several board members reported they will help outreach for the position.

- **FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS**

- Quileute Valley School District is scheduled to present at our February meeting.

- Outreach will continue to Cape Flattery.

- It was suggested that a representative from Public Health report on the vaccination plan for Clallam County. There was request for an overview on the state of the Integrated Managed Care plan.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Viola Ware reported that ReDiscovery Program has hired two new staff members, a new Outreach Coordinator, and they purchased a van. Jenny Oppelt reported that the last two BH contracts are being presented to the commissioners shortly and that will conclude contracting for 2021.

- Vaccination clinics are being hosted in Sequim by the Jamestown Tribe. The EOC is offering clinics the next two weekends at Port Angeles High School. NOHN staff is administering the shot.

- **MEETING ADJOURNED**

- 4:30 pm

Next meeting: February 9, 2021

Virtual

Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

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