

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual and In Person
BOCC Meeting Room 160
November 12, 2024
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Kristina Bullington, John DeBoer, Anne Grover, Kristine Johnson, Christina Miko, and Kelly Newhouse

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

General Attendance: Elisia Anderson, Brian Curtis, Christine Dunn, Tasha Fitzgerald, Tom Gauge, Jasmine Hunt, Commissioner Mark Ozias, Daryl Sharp, Elena

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. AGENDA

Majority approved.

3. MINUTES - Approval from September 10, 2024 meeting

Majority approved.

4. OLD BUSINESS

- Position Vacancies
 - Tribal Representative
 - Private Provider of Mental Health Services not contracting for funding Representative
 - Services for the Homeless Representative
 - Advocate for SUD/MH Services
 - Consumer/Past Consumer of SUD/Mental Health Services

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Port Angeles Fire Department – Community Paramedic – Program Update
 - An update was provided by Brian Curtis, Ken Gauge, and Daryl Sharp on the Community Paramedic program. This program began in 2019 and focused on enhancing health and wellness across Port Angeles by providing alternatives for non-emergency medical care especially for individuals who lacked a primary care provider or had difficult or was unable to connect with their primary care provider. Due to legislative changes and changes such as COVID-19, post pandemic and opioid epidemic, the community paramedics shift focus to best serve the community and ensure that patients receive needed services. Discussion followed.
- First Step Family Support Center – Parents as Teachers – Program Update
 - Krista Hanan and Elisia Anderson provided an update on the parents as teachers program, which is a home visiting program that works with families, prenatal up to 5 years of age. In the 2023-2024 year the program served 168 families and 187 children with over 2,000 personal visits. The funding received through Behavioral Health served 14 families. Discussion followed.
- Transformations by Olympic Angels – Love Box and Dare to Dream – Program Update
 - Tasha Fitzgerald provided an update on the Love Box and Dare to Dream programs. Dare to Dream supports, children, youth and families experiencing foster care by bringing in community members and training through trauma informed practices to offset adverse childhood experiences. Dare to Dream is a one-to-one program with the youth between the ages of 11 and 22. Love Box is a 12-month commitment where a group of volunteers go in and support entire households. This can range from celebrations, household tasks, help with homework, babysitting and many more ways to support a household. At the time of the meeting there were 32 volunteers, 5 love boxes and 4 dare to dreams. Discussion followed.
- Chair of the Board – Vote
 - No vote due to no quorum.

6. FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

- Program Updates

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jasmine Hunt provided public comment.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next meeting: January 14, 2025
Virtual and In Person
Clallam County BOCC Meeting Room

Voting Members: John DeBoer, Bruce Fernie, Helen Kenoyer, Anne Grover, Wendy Sisk, Kristine Johnson, Heidi Anderson, Vanessa Lea, Kelly Newhouse, Christina Miko, Kristina Bullington Non-Voting Members: Amy Bundy, Jenny Oppelt, Jody Jacobson, Kirsten Poole
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