

MINUTES

Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Clallam County Courthouse
Virtual via Zoom
November 9, 2021
3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Voting Members Present: Amy Miller, Bruce Fernie, Christina Miko, John DeBoer, Helen Kenoyer, Grace Bell, Tom Stokes, Viola Ware, Tayler McCrorie, Don Wenzel

Non-voting members present: Kevin LoPiccolo, Stephanie Lewis, Wendy Sisk, Kristina Bullington, Kirsten Poole, Jody Jacobsen

Absent: Travis Hedin, Don Lawley

General Attendance: Jenny Oppelt, Christine Dunn, G'Nel Ashley, Kate Ingman, Elisia Anderson, Ken Dubuc, Krista Hanan

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm
2. **Agenda** – Majority approved the agenda
3. **Minutes** – The minutes were amended to show Jesse Charles was removed as a voting member; he resigned. The majority approved the minutes with the amendment.
4. **Old Business**
 - Covid-19 Impacts
Wendy Sisk reported United Way has roughly \$25,000 in COVID support funds available for partnering agencies to apply for.
 - RFP Update
Jenny Oppelt discussed the RFP process, the review committee, and gave a summary of the proposals received, and the funding recommendations given by the committee (see attached supplemental document). Discussion followed.
Tayler McCrorie made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the RFP committee, motion seconded, majority approved. Amy Miller, Helen Kenoyer, Viola Ware and Christina Miko abstained.

5. New Business

- Kristina Bullington : Olympic Personal Growth-Filling the Gap:
Kristina reported that this program received a small portion of funding in the 2021 fund cycle; \$8,700. This funding supported 4 individuals through SUD treatment. The program provided group therapy, assessments, and individual therapy in addition to other supports. It was also reported the Olympic Personal Growth is currently the only SUD provider in Sequim, though they are hopeful the addition of Jamestown's Healing Clinic will open in March 2022. The peer support program at Olympic Personal Growth is reportedly well utilized and the agency is currently between mental health providers.
- Position Vacancy
 - Tribal Representative Position continues to be vacant. Members are encouraged to reach out to anyone they feel might be appropriate for the position. Contact Jenny Oppelt with questions. Discussion followed.

6. Future Meeting Agendas

- December 14, 2021 meeting cancelled; majority approved.
- Election of board chair in January 2022
- Bylaw review to include Commissioner Ozias and Prosecuting Attorney Elizabeth Stanley in February 2022
- Presentations: Reach out to Transformations by Olympic Angels and Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic to present on funded programs.

7. Public Comment

- G'Nell Ashley-Reflections Counseling; thank you to the review committee.
- Kate Ingman said thank you to the Board, and is looking forward to learning more about Transformations by Olympic Angels.

8. Announcements

None

9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm

Next meeting: January 11, 2022
Virtual

Voting Members: Grace Bell, John DeBoer, Bruce Fernie, Travis Hedin, Helen Kenoyer, Don Lawley, Tayler McCrorie, Christina Miko, Amy Miller, Tom Stokes, Viola Ware, Don Wenzl Non-Voting Members: Kristina Bullington, Jody Jacobson, Stephanie Lewis, Kevin LoPiccolo, Kirsten Poole, Wendy Sisk
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2022-23 Behavioral Health RFP Summaries and Recommendations

Proposals: \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 per year) was available for behavior health (substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders) services throughout Clallam County.

The following four funding priorities were set by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board at their annual retreat:

- West End Behavioral Health Services
- Substance Use Disorder/Mental Health Housing and Shelter
- Prevention/Early Intervention
- Unfunded/Underfunded Behavioral Health

Clallam County Health and Human Services received 16 proposals.

The total funds requested 2022: \$1,971,138.40

2023: \$2,066,752.40

Total: \$4,037,890.80

At the July and October Behavioral Health Advisory Board meetings the following members volunteered to participate on the proposal review committee. Each member has no financial interests in any entity eligible to submit a proposal.

RFP Proposal Review Committee Members: Grace Bell John DeBoer Bruce Fernie Stephanie Lewis Tom Stokes

Facilitators (not scoring proposals): Kevin LoPiccolo Jenny Oppelt Christine Dunn

HHS provided review committee members a binder of information including the RFP, Scoring sheets, copy of each proposal in addition to agency audits or financial records. The process followed was similar to previously used proposal selection processes. On October 29 and November 5, 2021 the review committee assembled virtually via Zoom where all 16 bidders provided a short presentation of their proposal and answered questions posed by the review committee members. The information provided helped clarify elements of the proposals which ultimately helped in the final rating (i.e. recommended for funding/not recommended for funding/funded at a different rate than proposed) of the proposal.

The Review Committee discussed scores and information provided by agencies at intervals throughout the two days and again in more detail at the end of the last day.

Proposals and recommendations:

	Agency	Title of Proposal	Description	Funds Request	Funds Recommended	Details
1.	Cedar Grove Counseling Inc.	2022-2023 Wraparound Services Program	Cedar Grove offers various recovery support services to clients to remove the common barriers to short and long-term success in SUD treatment in both Forks and Port Angeles. This includes vocational and educational supports, assistance obtaining sober housing, assistance with transportations to and from treatment appointments, self-help meetings, mental health and medical appointments and job interviews.	2022 \$40,598.40 2023 \$40,598.40 Total: \$81,196.80	2022 \$24,000.00 2023 \$24,000.00 Total: \$48,000.00	<i>Funded in 2020, did not submit proposal in 2021</i> Decreased due to case management services billable to Medicaid which is reportedly the majority of their participants. Funding to include: transportation, sober housing, and vocational/educational supports. Committee highlighted that this program provides services on west end.
2.	First Step Family Support Center	Parents as Teachers: Behavioral Health & Early Intervention Program	The Parents as Teachers program is an evidence-based early prevention and intervention home visiting program designed for families experiencing multiple risk factors in their lives while raising their children age 0-5.	2022 \$121,351.00 2023 \$127,419.00 Total: \$248,770.00	2022 \$100,000.00 2023 \$100,000.00 Total: \$200,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decreased due to funding availability. Noted positives were; called out working with the west end, tribal partners, and Spanish speaking

						communities. Integrated data into the proposal linking to need and qualifiers for services. Transparent with other funding sources and asking for only 16% of total program budget.
3.	Lutheran Community Services NW	Child Check	The Child Check program provides ALL parents with parenting support and resource referrals to Clallam County services with a focus on helping families learn more about the social, emotional and behavioral development of their children and to encourage the adoption of effective parenting practices.	2022 \$68,922.00 2023 \$73,993.00 Total: \$142,915.00	2022 \$25,000.00 2023 \$20,000.00 Total: \$45,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decreased allocation due to concerns with project manager FTE not accurately reflecting time on BH grants. Discussion surrounding the duplication of services available through PCPs.
4.	Lutheran Community Services NW	Healthy Families	The Healthy Families Project delivers three service components: family health, financial health and physical health directly to households experiencing crisis and hardship. Their integrated approach ensures that participants can access necessary services so they can: meet their basic needs, resolve family and personal crises, develop healthy	2022 \$105,336.00 2023 \$111,784.00 Total: \$217,120.00	2022 \$50,000.00 2023 \$45,000.00 Total: \$95,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Committee found this program to be difficult to tie directly to BH needs, concerns with project manager FTE not accurately reflecting time on BH grants. Lack of evidence based program. Did not show transparency in other

			habits, improve their standards of living and establish pathways out of poverty.			funding sources specifically for this program.
5.	Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic (OPCC)	REdisCOVERY Unfunded/Underfunded Bridge Care	The Bridge Care program will provide proactive, reactive and co-response outreach to identify underserved community members with behavioral health needs. Provide bridge care for residents awaiting intake and service from traditional office-based service providers. Provide person-centered, holistic, time-unlimited case management to successfully engage participants with behavioral health and other necessary services.	2022 \$685,090.00 2023 \$690,095.00 Total: \$1,375,185.00	2022 \$150,000.00 2023 \$140,000.00 Total: \$290,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decrease in funding due to expansion, lack of narrative connection to budget expansion and fiscal controls. Committee noted the higher rate of pay for outreach workers compared to other programs. Expansion considered duplicative compared to other agencies with outreach services.
6.	Olympic Personal Growth	Filling the Gap	The Filling the Gap program is an avenue of direct services funding for youth and adults in need of behavioral health treatment and assessment including substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment. Participants would be screened into the program based on financial eligibility and a lack of other resources available to fund	2022 \$87,900.00 2023 \$87,900.00 Total: \$175,800.00	2022 \$30,300.00 2023 \$30,300.00 Total: \$60,600.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decrease to not include the budget line for MH therapist due to high cost and duplication of services available (community MH etc.) During the interview MH Therapist was identified by the bidder as the lower

			their treatment.			priority budget line.
7.	Peninsula Behavioral Health (PBH)	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	PATH is a Federal grant program that provides outreach services through a case manager to individuals who are experiencing serious mental illness and homelessness or risk of homelessness.	2022 \$18,032.00 2023 \$18,032.00 Total: \$36,064.00	2022 \$18,032.00 2023 \$18,032.00 Total: \$36,064.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund. The federal funds for this program are unavailable if there is no community match (2/3 of PATH is funded by SAMHSA grant).
8.	PBH	Mental Health First Aid	Mental Health First Aid and Youth MHFA are each an 8 hour training certification course that teaches community members to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness. It also includes a 5 step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement intervention, provide referrals and secure appropriate care for an individual.	2022 \$18,000.00 2023 \$18,000.00 Total: \$36,000.00	2022 \$0.00 2023 \$0.00 Total: \$0.00	<i>Existing Program</i> No funding based on the availability and eligibility to apply for the SBH-ASO block grant.
9.	PBH	Access to Behavioral Health Services for Low Income Individuals	Funds of last resort to support Under or Uninsured Clients (including many Medicare clients). Services include residential services, primary care, and support for under or uninsured clients including Medicare clients.	2022 \$181,250.00 2023 \$181,250.00 Total: \$362,500.00	2022 \$110,750.00 2023 \$109,459.00 Total: \$220,209.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Funding reduced due to availability and eligibility to apply for the SBH-ASO MH Block grant for the budget lines MH No Insurance Coverage. Decreased funding specifically for

						primary care budget line due to appropriateness of fund use. Fully fund residential services, pharmacy copays, deductibles, copays, and denials.
10.	Port Angeles Fire Department	Community Paramedicine Program	The Community Paramedicine Program utilizes firefighter-paramedics to provide an increased level of health care in the community, reduce visits to the ED, reduce 9-1-1 calls, and to provide referrals.	2022 \$99,600.00 2023 \$101,600.00 Total: \$201,200.00	2022 \$99,600.00 2023 \$101,600.00 Total: \$201,200.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund. Demonstrated significant reduction in ED utilization and 911 calls. Fund all or nothing program based on FTE. Cost for additional hire at entry level (decreased cost compared to existing staff).
11.	Reflections Counseling Services Group	Crisis Intervention	This program aims to stabilize crisis situations, educate families, engage clients in treatment, provided referrals, remove barriers to services and offer recovery supports during transitions in care.	2022 \$189,800.00 2023 \$189,800.00 Total: \$379,600.00	2022 \$173,814.00 2023 \$160,000.00 Total: \$333,814.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Partially fund due to expansion of services. Proposal demonstrated need and appropriate utilization. During the interview the bidder reported crisis interventions was the higher priority of their two proposals.

12.	Reflections Counseling Services Group	Underinsured and Noninsured	Provides a full scope of treatment to underinsured and noninsured participants to include assessment, group and individual counseling, urinalysis, outreach, transportation, and other case management services.	2022 \$0.00 2023 \$35,000.00 Total: \$35,000.00	2022 \$0.00 2023 \$0.00 Total: \$0.00	<i>Existing Program</i> No funding based on during the interview this bidder reported this is their lower priority program of their two. They are also eligible to apply for the SBH-ASO Block Grant. This program is already funded through March 2023 with block grant dollars.
13.	Sequim High School	Mental Health and Wellness	Schools provide ready access to teaching broad segments of society about awareness of our mental health status, early education, and intervention in these critical health issues. Sequim High School proposes to continue with this effort, using evidence-based approaches and qualified staff. This program will continue ongoing training concerning mental health functioning for relevant staff members and all students at the high school level. Program staff will also assist in counseling families and students, and in	2022 \$162,960.00 2023 \$170,000.00 Total: \$332,960.00	2022 \$112,960.00 2023 \$120,000.00 Total: \$232,960.00	<i>Funded in 2020, did not submit proposal in 2021</i> Decreased funding to include the program manager, one (of three requested) therapist, and supplies. During the interview the bidder reported the program manager budget line was highest priority.

			securing additional resources through community linkages and supports.			
14.	Serenity House of Clallam County	Application for the Administration of HARPS Funds	Serenity House has been awarded the Housing and Recovery through Peer Supports (HARPS) grant from SBH-ASO. HARPS does not cover the administration of services. This funding will be used for program lead, one outreach case manager, and part of their manager's salary, including indirect costs and benefits.	2022 \$130,435.00 2023 \$133,352.00 Total: \$263,787.00	2022 \$43,680.00 2023 \$43,680.00 Total: \$87,360.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Funded at 2021 contracted rate. Decreased due to the lack of transparency in matching funds and ask for expansion without clear budget connection. This program has received additional funding from SBH-ASO for operations that the bidder confirmed in their interview to be utilized for a case manager. Currently on track to not fully spend this program's 2021 budget.
15.	Transformations By Olympic Angels	Olympic Angels Launch in Clallam County	The Dare to Dream and Love Box programs provide nourished and stabilized homes, children have access to normal childhood experiences and are connected to deep, affirming relationships. These programs reduce the negative effects of foster	2022 \$14,939.00 2023 \$41,004.00 Total: \$55,943.00	2022 \$14,939.00 2023 \$41,004.00 Total: \$55,943.00	<i>New Program</i> Fully fund based on clearly demonstrating the need in Clallam and positive outcomes in Jefferson. The utilization of volunteers equates to low cost.

			care including mental health issues, substance use and homelessness.			Implementation plan in first year to best target services. Highlights innovation in our County.
16.	West End Outreach	West End Behavioral Health Services	West End Outreach Services will provide intake-assessment, individual and group counseling, case management, peer support services, psychiatric evaluation, medication management and adult day support services.	2022 \$46,925.00 2023 \$46,925.00 Total: \$93,850.00	2022 \$46,925.00 2023 \$46,925.00 Total: \$93,850.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund due to providing services at reasonable cost. Consideration noted they are encouraged to utilize other available fund sources (SBH-ASO Block Grants).
TOTAL				\$4,037,890.80	\$2,000,000.00	

Acronyms used: **SUD:** substance use disorder, **BH:** behavioral health, **PCPs:** Primary Care Providers, **UAs:** urinalysis, **ED:** Emergency Department, **FTE:** Full time equivalent, **PPE:** personal protective equipment, **CC:** Clallam County, **MH:** mental health, **IOP:** Intensive Out Patient. **SBH-ASO:** Salish Behavioral Health – Administrative Services Organization

The total amount of all proposals recommended for funding is **\$2,000,000.00** (\$1,000,000 per year).

This report was submitted to the full BH Advisory Board on November 9, 2021. The BH Advisory Board and RFP Review Committee discussed the recommendations. The full BH Advisory Board voted to move this report and these recommendations to the BOCC for their approval.

If these recommendations are approved by the BOCC, Clallam County HHS will develop statements of work and contracts for final BOCC approval.

Data collection for each contract will be developed through a previously negotiated contract between Clallam County Health and Human Services and Kitsap Public Health. Kitsap Public Health and each contractor will develop data collection appropriate to the goals and needs of each contract.