

MALHEUR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES: January 27, 2021

Attendees: Jenn Susuki, Susan Gregory, Christopher L, Brian Wolfe, Leanne, Wendy Hill, Jim St. Michell, Ron Van Ausdal, Melissa, Tammy Cortright, Judge Dan Joyce, Connie Tanaka, Christine Phillips, Wendy Hill

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Introductions of new participants
Meeting called to order at 1:29 pm MT
- Review of previous meeting minutes
With no changes the minutes were approved as presented. Motion was made and seconded. **MOTION CARRIES.**

- **PUBLIC INPUT** -please limit remarks to 5 minutes

- There was no public input

- **LIFEWAYS**

- General updates
- Kellie- referral process to LRC
Kellie Dickinson will not be joining us today. Chris Liu will speak on her behalf.

Referral process for Lifeways Recovery Center Kellie Dickinson – Program Administrator

We are currently focusing on a referral and placement process for clients in the community. Christopher has been building relationships with community partners. Looking at client access and placement at the right facilities. Working on removing internal and external barriers for Lifeways. Pushing services up in the right direction. Goal was to increase effectiveness of programs. Chris is vested in getting feedback on what community needs are. Chris brought several of his program administrators to the group to review the referral process with this team. Chris presented a power point for services at Malheur County and has sent this out to all members of the group.

A question was asked what ages LRC can take. LRC is only for adults 18 and older.

Ron Van Ausdal – Outpatient Administrator

David Tovar – Intensive Administrator

It was asked what the likelihood of having a crisis worker on site if asking through Protocol. Chris Liu is currently reviewing the crisis program. Will now be using evidence based information. Jenn asked about a teen who had to go to hospital for suicide prevention and parents refused services from Lifeways and what are parent options at that point? We do contract out with TFP. Any person does

have the right to petition GOBHI to go elsewhere. Chris has asked for any feedback if a client does not want to go to Lifeways for any reason to look into this.

Ron V has knowledge of this instance and will give Christopher L feedback.

LeAnne Swetland - CDDP Program Manager Eligibility Specialist/Foster Home Licensing & Certification ONA Assessor

David and Ron left the meeting at 2:07 pm MT

Anna LaRosa joined the meeting 2:07 pm MT

- **PAST BUSINESS**

- Crisis Response Update

Chris is looking through the entire crisis team reviewing staff as well as processes. He is also looking at gaps and barriers. Jenn stated she does have a lot of questions, but unsure what to ask. Has heard in the community that this is a major concern. Bob Dickinson thanked Chris for all the work he has done up to now. Bob stated he is seeing a change from what Lifeways was to what it is now. Sheriff Wolfe echoed what Bob said. He is very happy with the direction Lifeways is going now. Chris asked everyone in group to give him feedback both good and bad.

- Team Steps Update

No updates. HR is leading this program and is currently initiating.

- Encounter Rates –

- Comparison Malheur County and other sites

Utilization within Malheur County was discussed and presented.

This was for adults. Brian Wolfe asked if outpatient services was the most effective way to get clients the help they need. Chris advised we use two assessment tools to determine this. It was asked if Lifeways currently has staff to meet the needs.

Jim St Michell asked if telehealth would also be continued for SUD clients after COVID. This would depend on the treatment being delivered. Jenn asked about the jail diversion program and if this would continue after COVID. Currently he is not doing individual sessions but are doing groups with the jail diversion participants. Chris is asking for feedback on clients that this group is working with on the culture, race/ethnicity side of services. What is needed?

- Next review in March?

- Community trainings Update

Chris is trying to build a more robust training force for the community as well. Chris can provide similar data to this as to where we are as a county at any time. Chris can provide trainings in a variety of subjects and would welcome the group to invite him to their meetings. This will be rolling out soon. Jenn has heard from counselors in the schools that they would like to go to the Emergency Department with one of our counselors and walk through what that would look like at the hospital re suicidal clients. Would like more education.

Chris to check on arranging this with crisis and himself. The juvenile department would also be interested in this. We could also record this to show if partners are unable to attend. Could the advisory team have a tour of Lifeways? Chris is also working on this with our media department.

- SIM Mapping – return to conversation regarding Priorities Change List
 - Resource Guide update/ Jane Padgett's email list

◆ **ROUNDTABLE**

- Updates/Review of Services

Jenn Susuki

Malheur county schools students are mostly back in person. There have been some struggles with safely getting students in. They must have 35 square feet and interactions are limited. Almost up and running with threat assessment team. Many will be invited within this group. If interested, please reach out. Sources of strength starting in schools. Suicide prevention model.

Bob Dickinson

Bob gave a brief Covid update – 3201 Malheur – 55 deaths. 10 a day positive. Numbers are going down gradually. He would recommend getting the vaccine. It is available. There will be a pod Saturday at FRCC. 300 vac k – 12 educators as well as 1A health care workers. He is encouraging all to reach out to him if there are any questions regarding the vaccine.

Jim St Michell

Still doing business as usual. Have not opened up full scale of office visits with offenders. Still submitting referrals to Lifeways for treatment. The MRT moral recognition therapy classes – have had a couple of court referrals. Is there not an avenue to administer classes unless A & D is attached to this? Would like to get this going. Chris asked if he and Jim could speak after meeting.

Wendy Hill

She is on St. Al's board. Also on E Oregon early learning, Giggles and Grace board, Early Learning Education, Malheur Advisory, SOC – have three items coming out to focus on., Sit on Statewide systems advisory council co-chair – this is an open meeting and would invite others to join she can send out website info, sits on several statewide race/equity inclusion boards, participates on nutrition Oregon campaign, Malheur united housing taskforce,

Leanne Swetland

Question to Bob regarding vaccine for COVID. She is receiving some feedback from clients with not being scheduled for second vaccine. Bob stated that when vaccines are given there is a card given out with date of first vaccination and what type and it was and will have scheduled time of second dose. Leanne advised to Jim that they were able to follow up with individual coming out of incarceration and found placement today. Possible training will be coming out particularly with crisis. Leanne asked Chris about info from hospitalization, is it separated with DD and MH.

Susan Gregory

Still teleworking. February 9 3:30 – 5 they will have system of care meeting. This will be used in coordination with GOBHI and have identified what is going well and identifying what is needed. Would like to have as many people attending as possible, will also present at other meetings.

Please send out invite to group.

Susan would like to meet with Chris after meeting regarding a crisis situation.

Connie Tanaka

They are open for business, limiting in office visits. Can help with housing for veterans. KFP Therapeutics received grant for individuals with military sexual trauma.

Brian Wolfe

Concerned about February, ballot measure 110 will be implemented. This will decriminalize several drugs. He believes it will increase the workload of everyone in this meeting. Also concerned about legislative session. Taking a lot of their time working through the proposed bills. Chris advised Lifeways is building up in the SUD department in preparation for this. Brian Wolfe asked if Lifeways would be conducting the health assessment that is required.

Chris would like this topic added to next month's agenda for further research and discussion.

Wendy stated that on Tuesdays – 2:30 – 4 – there is a work force meeting that addresses this discussion, mainly focuses on juveniles.

Christine Phillips asked if Lifeways provides SUD Spanish speaking counseling. This is provided by actual counselors. Christine had a report come to her regarding children in Malheur County returning home 3 times slower than white children. They are working on engaging clients with Lifeways regarding this. Wendy Hill asked if we are looking at undocumented parents? Christine said very little of this, maybe one or two. Most part are families that are here and known to all of us. They are citizens. Do they have undocumented family members living with them? Chris will take this to the diversity committee to speak about barriers at Lifeways.

- Needs (including future training needed for advisory committee to understand programs at Lifeways)
- Priorities

- **Questions/ Discussion**

- **Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn meeting. **MOTION CARRIED Meeting** adjourned at 3:20 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,

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