

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

Minutes: February 24, 2021

Attendees: Jenn Susuki, Susan Gregory, Brian Wolf, Jim St. Michell, Tammy Cortright, Melissa Williams, Christopher Liu, Leanne Swetland, Robert Dickinson, Connie Tanaka, Wendy Hill, Anna LaRosa

- **Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm MT**

- Introductions of new participants  
No new participants.
- Review of previous meeting minutes  
Susan – next to last page Susan stated there was a meeting, not Wendy as noted.

Minutes were reviewed and motioned for approval with correction as noted above. **MOTION CARRIES**

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

- No Public input

- **LIFEWAYS**

- General updates
- Mental Health plan for Malheur County
  - There is nothing in place at this time. This will consist of resources available. Christopher Liu has obtained some templates from other counties for review.
    - ✓ **Chris will draft an outline and send out to entire group. This will list out resources available from Lifeways, who is eligible, what to do, contact information for helping agencies. Chris will have this before next meeting and will present.**
  - We will also need to come up with a vision and mission for the plan. These should be short, but should mention that we are a remote location, do not have a lot of resources, transient population is a big piece. Chris would like everyone's' input on what they want this plan to look like. Wendy Hill asked if they should run this by key people in their organizations.
- Health Assessments that will be required as part of Ballot Measure 110
  - Still figuring out logistics with the state on this. Looking at funding. Looking at hiring more SUD counselors to deal with this need. This is still a work in progress. A discussion ensued with the issues we are going to face.
    - ✓ **It was asked if Chris could bring some more information to the group regarding Ballot Measure 110 at the next meeting.**
  - Chris has also been working on placing individuals at the right level of care for Mental Health issues. He would like to see the revolving door stopped for individuals who go in and out of the system. He is working on some internal issues at Lifeways as well as building relationships with other agencies.

- Also working on homelessness, transient situation. Hoping to work together to resolve some of these issues, asking for more funding or grants.
- He has heard some feedback on crisis time for in person support. Chris is looking at this currently. OPD Chief would like to see some more involvement from Lifeways.
  - ✓ **Bob D. would like to have someone from Lifeways come speak to his group on what Lifeways can provide and possible some training on mental health issues and how to work with clients. Christopher will do this as well as bring another administrator to address this.**
  - ✓ **Anna LaRosa @ St. Al's – hospital was working on getting staff trained to handle mental health clients. They are starting to revamp this program at the hospital. She would also like to invite the paramedics to attend the training as well and would want their staff to attend any training Lifeways has to offer or coordinate trainings. Chris and Anna to set up a meeting to discuss this.**
- A question came up with what happened to drug court. Susan advised they didn't have funds or staff to keep it going for youth.

- **JUVENILE DEPARTMENT**

- SIM Mapping presentation
  - Power point was presented to the group. **Wendy would like to see self-sufficiency as part of this group.**

- **PAST BUSINESS (as time allows)**

- Crisis Response Update
  - Chris is working on crisis response, this has been revamped. It has been asked to decrease the ED utilization. They are asking staff to really look at what is best for the client and what services are best for them. Also looking at a location in Malheur County for a crisis center. Hoping to develop a program. This would be for all ages and genders.
  - **Anna L. asked if Chris could present the data on ED visits at the next hospital and Lifeways meeting. Also what is being done differently? Chris advised that a new process that just went into effect recently.**

- Are there other issues the committee would like addressed in March/ April?

**Nothing new added.**

- Encounter Rates –
  - Comparison Malheur County and other sites/Next review in March /April?

**If requested by this group, Dr Liu will be happy to present. He feels the qualitative data is much more important if Lifeways is meeting the needs in the community. Encounter rates have gone up significantly. They have more than doubled since October 2020. Group would like an annual check next fall, or whatever the group decides they need to see.**

- Community trainings Update
  - Lifeways will conduct crisis and incident response trainings. There are two individuals who will conduct internal Lifeways training first before going out to the community. It will most likely be March before this rolls out to the community. Safety/Homicide/Suicide trainings will also be included. If anybody would like a specific training, please reach out and he will get organized.
  - Jenn S asked about a care coordinator being able to speak to school staff about mental health issues. Ron V. has been doing this to some degree in the schools.
- SIM Mapping – return to conversation regarding Priorities Change List
  - Resource Guide update/ Jane Padgett’s email list

◆ **ROUNDTABLE**

- Updates/Review of Services
  - Bob - All questions he had have been answered. Vaccination POD for COVID tomorrow. This will be for 70 and older. Malheur County has been moved from extreme risk to moderate on Friday. Will be vaccinating 1A and B categories. Will have another 330 doses on Saturday. This will be held at the cultural center. These will continue to be held every Thursday.
  - Connie T – No updates
  - Jim St Michell – No updates
  - Brian Wolfe – No updates
  - Leanne – No updates
  - Melissa W – Excited for kids to be back in school and sports. Kids are masking, washing and distancing.
  - Anna L – Was going to be a hub for State of Oregon for vaccinations, but will be a distributor for vaccinations.
  - Jen Susuki – Professional Dev Day on April 2. Jen will send out some information on this. A question was asked if the group will want to meet in March. It was determined that the March meeting will be cancelled and meetings will resume in April.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel March meeting and resume in April. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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

● **Questions/ Discussion**

- Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. A motion was made and seconded. **MOTION CARRIES** – meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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