

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

MINUTES: September 22, 2021

Attendees:

Rebecca Stricker; Susan Gregory, Jenn Susuki, Anna LaRosa, Christopher Liu, Melissa Williams, Leanne Swetland, Christine Phillips,

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Introductions of new participants
- Review of previous meeting minutes

Minutes were reviewed from last months' meeting. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes as presented. Minutes were approved as presented by the group. **MOTION CARRIES.**

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

No public input

- **LIFEWAYS**

- Elections for New Chair/ Vice Chair

It was discussed to put this off until we have more bodies at the meeting to elect new chair and vice chair. Time spent on the position of Chair and Vice Chair was discussed.

- General updates

- Lifeways updates. CEO will be stepping down as of Oct. 1. There will be an Interim CEO for time being. Any concerns reach out to Dr Liu. Have been pushing teams to double capacity when coming to services. There is a work force shortage. Also, want to increase capacity and access to services. Working on a mobile crisis response unit. This would be for both adults and children. Would like to open up a crisis center in the community within the next year. A dispatch call center is also being looked into. Looking at converting part of one of our existing facilities into a peer center. Would incorporate the mobile crisis for youth into this.

Jenn S asked if someone from this committee could be on the interview panel.

- ✓ Chris Liu will ask Dennis Burke if that is an option.

It was discussed that we start meeting quarterly vs. monthly. Melissa, Susan and Anna will co-chair. A motion was made and seconded to move the meetings from monthly to quarterly. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- ✓ Jenn will send out the bylaws to everyone.
- ✓ We can switch the meeting to teams.

Jenn asked how the group would like to proceed. Poll or set it up. Melissa suggested meeting in November. Look at days and time, keep the same. Can we change second Wednesday. – It was agreed to 2nd Wednesday

Wendy Hill was nominated to sit on the interview committee by Christine Phillips.

- ◆ **ROUNDTABLE**

- Updates/Review of Services
- Melissa – staffing shortage and student behaviors. Primarily kindergarten. Things with Lifeways are going great. Recent graduate passed away from COVID this week.
- Jenn – updated everyone on the Tier 1 Collaborative Training. We will send this out to the group. Making great progress in schools with Lifeways prevention.
- Rebecca – new to the group.
- Mention of a suicide this week – reach out to Liz.
- Christopher Liu mentioned he is putting together a team to reach out when there is any type of death, not necessarily only suicide. Critical incident debrief.
- Schools would like to know if there is a suicide in the community to assist if any students are involved.
- Anna – staffing is an issue. They have received some FEMA employees added to their staff. Their census is up. Primarily COVID patients.
- Christine - CPS reports are up. Dealing with mandate. Fully staffed and open.
- Tammy – no updates
- Leanne – census growing. Eligibility determinations very busy right now. 25 – 30 always on the verge of eligibility. Fully staffed. May be looking at adding another case manager.
- Christopher Liu – will be making major changes to better meet the needs of the community. We were able to get into the Nyssa School District.

- **Questions/ Discussion**

- Adjourn
- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm MT

Respectfully submitted,

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